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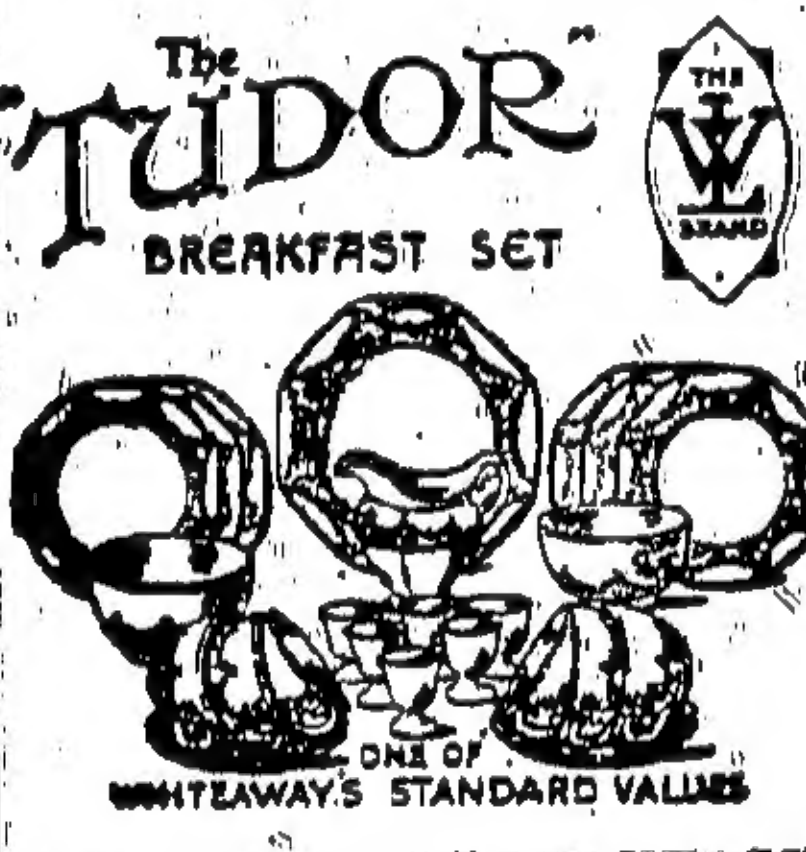
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DEEDS NOT WORDS.

What Britain Expects From Russia.

PROSPECTS OF BREACH.

One More Chance For Soviet to Change Its Tactics.

Before "proceeding to any extremity," the British Government has left it right to give the Soviet Government one more opportunity of conforming to the ordinary rules of international life.

This was the explanation of the recent British Note to Russia given by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs during an important debate on Anglo-Russian relations in the House of Commons yesterday.

HOPES THAT FAILED.

Views of the Man Who Made The Pact.

Rugby, March 3.
The debate on Anglo-Russian relations was initiated in the House of Commons by Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) who declared that the British interests in Russia were peace and trade. In many Russian industries a revival was being witnessed, and he urged strongly against a rupture of relations with Russia at this juncture.

Sir Robert Horne (Conservative) referred to the fact that it was he himself who in 1921 made the Trade Agreement with Russia, and that he was supported in doing so by Mr. Lloyd George, who was then Premier.

He declared that he made the agreement believing that Russia with its vast resources was fitted to revive the economic fortunes of Europe.

He was not ashamed of his effort, but he confessed that all his hopes had failed to be realised. He did not believe that British trade would suffer at all by the breaking-off of relations with Russia.

Long Before.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour Leader, and former Foreign Secretary, contended that diplomatic relations between this country and Russia from the year 1921 to the present had never given the Trade Agreement a proper chance.

He said that he was glad that the Foreign Secretary had sent his note to Russia. Since he himself left office he had been repeatedly asked what he would do.

He had no hesitation in saying that if he had been in office the Note would have been sent good long time before it was sent.

He thought that it would have been stiffer in substance. But he hoped that the Government had at present no intention either of abrogating the Trade Agreement or of severing relations. He suggested that the specific points made against the Soviet Government should first be argued, reasoned and negotiated upon.

Singling Out Britain.

Sir Austen Chamberlain took note with satisfaction and gratitude of the repetition by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald of those principles of international relations which he asserted in the Note which he had sent to the Soviet Government as one of his last executive acts when he was Premier and Foreign Secretary.

He noted also that Mr. MacDonald directly approved the action of the present Government in sending the Note now.

Referring to the daily propaganda of the Soviet Government, which he said had singled out the British Empire as the particular mark and object of their animosity and ill-will, Sir Austen Chamberlain said:—

Under View.

"If we had had to consider nothing but our own domestic situation and our own interests as affected by the Trade Agreement or by the exchanges of diplomatic relations, I don't think I should have waited so long before asking my colleagues to take action which Mr. MacDonald clearly indicated he was prepared to take, and would take, if these provocations continued."

The Government had had to take a wider view. They had felt that a breach with Russia, once relations with her had started, must have its reaction on other countries.

If action had been taken before the world had been shown what was the provocation it would have

had a very disturbing effect upon the European situation.

The Soviet Government had sought to convince other countries that the policy of His Majesty's Government was to stir up trouble and to use them as an instrument of anti-Soviet policy.

Russia's Malign Influence.

Nothing could be further removed from the truth. Whenever

"SUNNING" PIRATES.

Last Two Hanged This Morning.

The remaining two of the condemned "Sunning" pirates paid the extreme penalty in Victoria Jail at 5.02 this morning.

Death occurred simultaneously, and without any hitch.

The usual inquest was held in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at 2.30 this afternoon.

He had spoken to representatives of any foreign country upon this subject, he had always told them that an entente between them and their neighbours would be welcome to the British Government, for any improvement in their relations served the policy of the British Government, which was a policy of peace.

Everybody knew that Soviet Russia did her best to prevent the Treaty of Locarno from being signed, to persuade Germany not to resume friendly relations with her western or eastern neighbours, and that they did their utmost to persuade Germany not to come into the League of Nations but to remain outside with Soviet Russia.

Danger of a Sudden Breach.

"You cannot have, whatever the provocation, a sudden breach between this country and Russia without repercussions on the whole European situation. It is for that reason that I urged upon the Government patience and forbearance under the circumstances of continued provocation such as we have never endured at the hands of any other nation. But I have always felt, and I always know, that there are limits beyond which patience cannot be carried."

"We have no desire, and we make no attempt, to interfere with the Soviet Government within their own boundaries. We have carried on no diplomatic campaign against them in any part of the world. We have lived up to, not merely the letter but to the full, the spirit of the mutual engagement which we undertook with them."

"What we ask of them is not that they shall change their domestic institutions, not that they shall refrain from preaching to their own people that their own institutions are superior to those which are preferred by the rest of the world, but that they should make their policy conform to the ordinary comity of nations, and abstain from efforts to promote world revolutions and from all interference in our internal affairs."

World as Witness.
Sir Austen Chamberlain concluded: "It is not merely verbal acceptance that we look for, but that we can accept. It is acts of which we complain, and it is to acts in the future that we must look to see whether there is to be redress for these long series of outrages, or whether the patience and forbearance which the British Government, this country and the Empire have shown are in vain and no longer possible of continuance."

"His Majesty's Government reserve to themselves the right to judge both of the expediency of any step they contemplate and the moment when that step shall

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FURTHER SUCCESS.

Future of Kiukiang Concession.

AGREEMENT COMPLETED.

The following wireless messages were received over-night by the local naval authorities:—

Mr. O'Malley left Hankow yesterday after settlement over-night of the Kiukiang agreement, details of which will be telegraphed to Sir Miles Lampson, H.E.M. Minister at Peking.

The following is the official version received by wireless:—
Mr. O'Malley left Hankow yesterday to return to Peking to report to H.E.M. Minister.

Mr. Eric Teichman, Chinese Secretary of the Legation, remains at Hankow to attend to the execution of the details of the Concession agreement and to maintain diplomatic contact with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government on behalf of Sir Miles Lampson.

Before Mr. O'Malley's departure settlement was reached on the subject of the Kiukiang Concession.

It is learned that the administration of the Concession is being handed over to the Chinese authorities and that the question of compensation for losses sustained by British subjects during the disturbances at Kiukiang has been satisfactorily settled.

It is understood that the document will be available for publication to-morrow.

These messages are signed "Teichman."

Northerners Retiring.

The situation at Chungking remains quiet.

The last batch of missionaries has left down-river.

Troop movements down-river continue.

The carrying coolies at the

BRITISH BUDGET.

London, March 3.

The Premier announced in the House of Commons that the Budget will be introduced, on March 11.—Reuter.

Secony installation have resumed work.

Movement of Shantung troops in large numbers across the river from Pukow at Nanking has recommenced.

One thousand Anhui troops (previously reported as having gone over to the Southerners) have been disarmed.

Reports from the direction of Kiukiang indicate a general retirement of Northern troops towards the river between Wuhu and Nanking.

FORCES IN CHINA.

American Admiral's Complete Discretion.

Washington, March 3.
Reuter's Agency is informed by the Navy Department that Ad-



ADMIRAL C. S. WILLIAMS.

miral Williams as Commander-in-Chief of the United States naval forces in Asiatic waters had absolute discretionary authority to land men at Shanghai whenever he saw fit.

No word had been received from Admiral Williams regarding the proposed march of American marines through the International Settlement at Shanghai on March 5, but it was emphasised that the Marines could be landed for exercise whenever the commanding officer chose.—Reuter's American Service.

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ARMY COST.

Despatch of Troops to China.

HONG KONG ITEMS.

London, March 3.

The Army Estimates for the forthcoming financial year are £41,505,000, a decrease of £935,000. The maximum number of the establishment is 166,500, with an increase of 7,100.—Reuter.

The reduction in the Estimates is largely due to a decrease in pay saving £846,000, notwithstanding an increase in the personnel of 7,100.

The Supplementary Army Estimates cover requirements to March 31, arising out of the despatch of troops to China. They amount to £260,000.

The additional charges mostly relate to sea transport, the pay of reservists called up, the maintenance of troops sent from India, the purchase of additional stores and accommodation at Shanghai and Hong Kong.

The War Secretary's memorandum states that provision is made

\$1,000,000 BLAZE.

Early Morning Sky's Costly Glare.

New York, March 3.
The early morning sky was brilliantly illuminated by a fire on the waterfront of Jersey City destroying two Pennsylvania Railway piers, with fifty loaded goods-cars, and razing several factories and other buildings. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

for the commencement of the military defence works required in connection with the naval base at Singapore.—Reuter.

COLLIERY DISASTER.

LONDON'S LORD MAYOR OPEN FUND.

London, March 3.
The Lord Mayor of London has opened a fund for the relief of sufferers in the colliery disasters at Cwm and Bilsborpe to which a newspaper has already subscribed £2,200.—Reuter.

INDIAN ARREST.

MAN WHO CAUSED FATAL RIOT?

Calcutta, March 3.
The Mahomedan religious leader who is alleged to have instigated the mob at Ponaballa has been arrested. Assembly of over five persons has been prohibited at Ponaballa.—Reuter.

Casualties Revised.
Calcutta, March 3.
Earlier estimates of the casualties in yesterday's rioting at Ponaballa are minimised in the official report stating that twelve Mahomedans were killed and seven wounded. There were no casualties among the police or Hindus.—Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS.

Question Regarding Transport Costs.

London, March 3.
In the House of Commons, Mr. G. Lansbury (Labour) asked whether the whole cost of sending the Indian troops to China would be a charge on the Imperial revenue.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, replied that the question had not yet been discussed with the Government of India. Therefore he was unable to make a statement at present.—Reuter.

HANKOW AGREEMENT.

London, March 3.

It is understood that Mr. O'Malley, who has been conducting negotiations with Mr. Chen, is returning to Peking to resume his duties at the British Legation there. Mr. Teichman, Chinese Secretary of the Legation, who accompanied Mr. O'Malley to Hankow, will remain in order to elaborate details of the Agreement.—Reuter.

TERRIBLE CRASH.

Racing Motorist's Awful Death.

"PRACTICALLY DECAPITATED."

London, March 3.

The famous racing motorist, Mr. T. G. Parry Thomas, was killed in attempting to recapture the world's speed record at Pendine Sands, Wales, to-day.—Reuter.

Unheeded Warning.

Rugby, March 3.
Mr. Parry Thomas, the world famous racing motorist, was killed to-day on the Pendine Sands while trying to break the world's motor speed record. His car skidded, smashing the offside rear wheel, and then burst into flames.

Parry Thomas was thrown through the wind-screen and decapitated. He had only recently recovered from influenza and had been advised by his doctor against making his attempt.—British Wireless Service.

At 160 Miles An Hour.

It is believed the accident of Mr. Parry Thomas was due to the rupture of the Driving Chain when the car was travelling at 160 miles an hour.

The chain flew off with terrific force, smashed the wind-screen and wrapped itself round Mr. Thomas's neck, practically decapitating him.—Reuter.

Burst Into Flames.

London, March 3.

The daredevil Parry Thomas, idol of the crowds at Brooklands, where tens of thousands gaped with amazement at his consummate nerve in manoeuvring a giant car at two miles a minute with unerring judgment in passing a packed field of competitors, was to-day making his fourth attempt to recapture the record made by Major Campbell on Feb. 4 and had just turned to make the return journey when the car made a tremendous skid. The offside wheel flew seawards, the car turned a complete somersault, righted itself, burst into flames, went backwards for a quarter of a mile on three wheels, and finally turned over completely destroyed.

Horrified officials and spectators rushed to help the motorist. They found the body covered with blood, the head practically severed. Thomas was apparently killed instantaneously. It was necessary to break the legs to extricate the body from the wreckage.—Reuter.

[Captain Malcolm Campbell in his 450-horse-power Napier Campbell car the "Bluebird" succeeded on Feb. 4 at the Pendine Sands, Carmarthenshire, in breaking the world's speed record for both the kilometre and the mile. He covered the kilometre at a speed of 174.843 miles an hour, and the mile at a speed of 174.224 miles an hour. The previous record for the mile made by Parry Thomas was 170.624 miles an hour.]

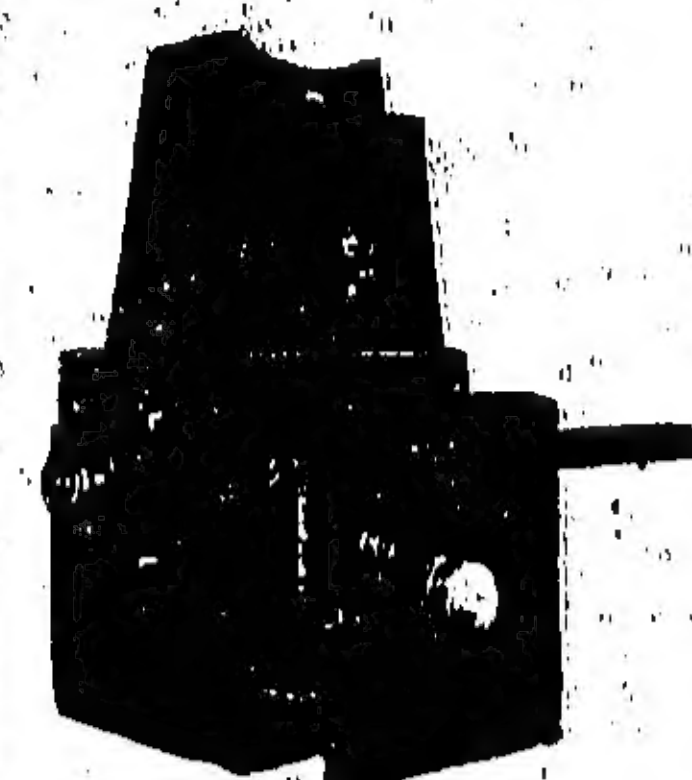
Major Seagrave's Hopes.

London, March 3.

Major Seagrave, who is to attempt to reach a speed of 200 miles an hour in his 1,000 horse-power Sunbeam racing car, is on his way to the United States accompanied by mechanics. The attempt will be made on the Florida Strands and the tests may begin on March 19. Seagrave is convinced that he can beat the existing world speed record for automobiles, but it is desired to know whether anything can travel faster than 180 miles per hour on land. It is calculated that the two 500 horse-power engines with which the car is fitted, will propel it at a speed of 96 miles per hour in the first gear, 156 miles per hour in the second and 212 miles per hour in the top gear. The car will consume a gallon of petrol per mile and the wind resistance at 200 miles per hour will be 1,000 pounds on the front of the vehicle. The car is described as the most powerful and scientifically perfect that has ever been built.—Reuter.

London, March 3.—Sir Austen Chamberlain will leave London on Saturday to attend the League of Nations Council meeting which opens on Monday at Geneva.—British Wireless.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

BRITISH FLAG.

RIVER STEAMBOAT AT WUCHOW.

A MINOR BOYCOTT?

News has reached the Colony that the river steamer "San Ning" (not to be confused with the China Navigation Co.'s "Sunning") is delayed at Wuchow, on the West River, owing to a minor boycott.

For about a year after the strike began in June, 1925, the "San Ning" lay idle. Then she was sold to new owners at Canton. The flag was changed to Chinese and she was put on the Canton-Wuchow run. After the settlement of the boycott last October, she was re-sold to Hong Kong and reverted to British registry.

The Anti-Foreign Society at Wuchow is alleged to have started a boycott against the vessel on account of flying the British flag.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Fines were inflicted at the Marine Court this morning as follows:—

Two trading junk masters, \$5 each for anchoring in Causeway Bay without permission.

Master of a fishing junk, \$10 for failing to renew his licence on expiry.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 62 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 29 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day, there were 19 arrivals and 21 departures.

UNION'S ORDERS.

CREW OF "SAN NAM HOI" CHANGED.

BOAT THEN AGROUND!

On the very first trip after the crew had been "changed" by order of the Chinese Seamen's Union, the local steamboat "San Nam Hoi" ran aground in the West River for ten hours!

The "San Nam Hoi" has plied for years regularly between Hong Kong and Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon. Formerly she was the ill-fated "Tai On" that was set afire by pirates who were baulked by the heroism of British officers and a Portuguese watchman. The boat sank but was salvaged and reconstructed.

The owners received an intimation by the Seamen's Union in Canton that the old crew—some of whom had been on the ship for ten and eight years—were to be replaced by a new batch from Canton.

Expectations Not Realised. As the ship flies the Chinese flag, non-compliance would have meant a boycott. The new crew arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday and immediately took up their jobs.

They state that they were on the Union's waiting list and that some of them had looked forward to being "posted" on rotation to ocean-going ships.

The "San Nam Hoi" was refloated on her last trip and arrived back in Hong Kong this morning.

The s.s. "Gamarra" reports having sighted a shoal patch 17 feet under water, l.w.o.s., with Mandat-tiva Light Beacon, bearing 087 degrees distant 33 cables. Shoal water is said to extend to a radius of 5 cables. The locality is in the Bay of Bengal, near Delft Island and Paik Straits.

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STRIKES AT SWATOW & SAMSHUI.

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Reports of strikes at two nearby ports have been received in Hong Kong. From Swatow it is gathered that some of the cargo coolies have stopped work on account of a Union dispute.

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Cost of the "Rodney" and "Nelson."

London, March 3. The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. Bridgeman, questioned in the House of Commons, announced that the battleships "Rodney" and "Nelson" were expected to be completed in September and July, respectively.

The total cost, including guns, is £6,566,884 and £6,433,875, respectively. Ammunition and reserve cost a further £221,350 each.—Reuter.

A strike was also in existence at Samshui, on the lower part of the West River, but this has also been settled.

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EMPRER OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23
EMPRER OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 13
EMPRER OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4
EMPRER OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 25
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HAWAII MARU Friday, 1st April.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

*SHINNOH MARU Sunday, 8th March.

* (Proceeds to Karachi).

SHUNIO MARU Saturday, 19th March.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

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NAGPORA	5,283	14th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANUVA	7,083	19th March	Marseilles, London
MONGOLIA	15,302	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,104	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	18th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	8,302	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MORRA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,006	11th June	Marseilles & London
MANUVA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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JANUS	4,324	31st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	6,958	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
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JANUS	4,324	12th March	Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	10,000	22nd March	Kobe
MALWA	10,980	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JAYPORE	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NELLORE	8,353	15th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MORRA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL" Via Suez Canal 6th March

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ARRIVALS.

First-class passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 2 by the M.M. "Paul Lecat" from Marseilles and ports were:- Mrs. C. M. Lindsay Woods, Miss Chater, Major Olivecrona, Miss Richardson, Miss M. Del Camen Y. Soriano, Mrs. Margarita Vota de Soriano, Miss Antonia Goni Y. Arana, Mr. Soulang Telesier, Mrs. Haigh, Mr. J. K. Gwineth, Mr. T. Toda, Mr. Le Chung-yao, Mr. M. D. Cronin, Mr. M. D. Hudson and Mr. Monlogie, Miss Mead, Mr. Yves Hamy.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 3 by the Blue Funnel s.s. "Antenor" from the United Kingdom and ports were:- Mr. and Mrs. J. L. and Mrs. W. L. Adams, Mrs. and Miss E. R. H. Basket, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. R. Colt, Capt. and Mrs. M. H. T. and Miss S. H. Croft, Mr. A. Duncan, Mr. A. D. Goodlife, Mr. and Mrs. H. and Miss D. B. Griffin, Mrs. Hayley Bell, Miss E. M. Homes, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. L. W. Lower, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. W. Mackenzie, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mrs. Sheel, Miss L. C. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mr. H. M. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. and Mrs. J. F. W. J. E. and P. Shuckleton, Mr. D. H. Banner, Mr. R. Bloer, Mr. E. F. Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Buchanan, Miss E. R. Campbell, Mr. J. N. Cunningham, Mr. D. D. Dryden, Mrs. P. and Mrs. P. A. C. Jones, Mr. J. Law, Mr. G. M. S. Lee, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. and Miss W. Martin, Mr. H. L. Molyneux, Mr. J. C. Parkin, Miss P. M. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. C. and the Misses (3) Rogers, Mrs. Springfield, Miss P. L. Webb, Mr. G. F. Wheatcroft, Mrs. When, Mr. A. Wood.

DEPARTURES.

European passengers sailed from Hong Kong for Shanghai on the M.M. "Paul Lecat" on March 2, were:- Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Midgley, Mr. H. F. Healey, Mr. P. J. Newman, Mr. J. P. Bourne, Rev. J. H. Frank, Mr. Ray, Mr. P. Watson, Rev. D. B. MacQueen, Dr. Kervan, Mr. C. J. Machado, Rev. F. Gagnon, Mr. S. E. Jensen, Mr. G. Kolosoff.

First-class passengers who left Hong Kong for Manila on the Dollar Line "President Lincoln" on March 3 were:- Miss A. Alamag, Mr. E. Carr, Mrs. M. V. Cabb, Mr. F. Corneils, Mrs. V. Dyson, Miss C. Dyson, Mr. C. Elkus, Mr. W. S. Fickes, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Fox, Mr. R. L. Fox, Mr. P. Francisco, Mr. H. W. Gerber, Mr. F. F. Class, Mr. F. Halbekann, Mrs. A. Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. B. N. Hudson, Miss M. N. Hudson, Mrs. E. Jennings, Capt. Paak Kesasami, Miss A. R. Kinga-bury, Mr. H. H. Koeppe, Mrs. E. and the Misses E. and R. Lessner, Miss K. M. Davis, Mr. F. R. Miller, Mrs. S. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McBurney, Mr. J. Oks, Mr. J. G. Owens, Mr. C. M. Peterson, Mr. Q. Chihay and family, Mr. H. R. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Ross, E. M. Shelton, Jr., Mrs. E. T. Captain Sitt Saeng Xuto, Mr. See Tock Choo, Mrs. G. L. Sheeks, Mr. Shelton, Miss M. E. Shelton, Mr. I. Sexton, Mr. C. T. Stark, Miss M. H. Thuman, Mr. M. Victor, Miss G. P. Wittman, Miss H. R. Winnans, Miss Wong Bee-kiong, Miss E. Zangerle, Mr. H. L. Schütz, Mr. Nal Soti Jotikasthira, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scudder, Miss C. Scudder, Miss G. Channon, Mr. E. H. Munson, Mr. J. K. Winnell, Mr. J. R. Schultz, Mr. Tan Ting-bing, Mr. M. R. Bourne, Mr. Y. Henry, Mrs. M. R. De Soriano, Miss M. De C. Soriano, Miss A. Goni, Miss P. Adasabai, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Marquard, Prof. M. O. Hudson, Mr. Monteagle.

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The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Manila yesterday, at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow, at 8.30 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benmaedhu" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on March 6.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 23, p.m., and is due here on March 9, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama on Feb. 25, and is due at Vancouver on March 6, about 2 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Feb. 26, and is due here on March 18.

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Washington, March 3. President Coolidge has signed the Bill authorizing appropriations for modernizing the Oklahoma and Nevada, including the elevation of guns. Reuter's American Service.

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Sandakan	MAUSANG	Mon.	7th Mar. at 1 p.m.
Singapore	KWANGSANG	Tues.	8th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Canton	POOSHING	Wed.	8th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	LAISANG	Thurs.	10th Mar. at 8 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Sat.	12th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Tian via Swatow & Shanghai	POOSHING	Sun.	13th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji, Yama & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed.	15th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs.	17th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat.	19th Mar. at Noon
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sun.	20th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Kobe & Moji	KUTSANG	Wed.	23rd Mar. at 7 a.m.

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VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

MORE RECRUITS JOIN.

Orders for the week (issued to-day) of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read as under:-

Artillery Company.
City and Talkoo Sections paraded at Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Lecture will be given by Lt. G. H. Sioano-Stanley, R.A.
Transport for Talkoo Section will be at Talkoo Dock, East Gate, at 4.45 p.m.

Musketry.

Owing to Stonecutters Range not being available and the Peak Range not running on Sunday tomorrow there will be no musketry on Sunday.

No. 1 Platoon under 2/Lt. H. Owen Hughes will fire on the Peak Range on Sunday, March 13.

M.I. & A.C. Co's.
Musketry Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 13.

Range Officer: Lt. R. L. Moncrieff.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

As a large number of men were inefficient last season in musketry, it is strongly urged that as many as possible will avail themselves of the classes arranged for instruction in musketry as detailed below:-

The musketry classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays, commencing on Thursday this week at Kennedy Road range.

Dress: Rifles, bayonets, bandoliers and belts.

Individual instruction at Kennedy Road range will be given to recruits who must keep these gates open, viz. Thursday (March 3), Monday (March 7) and Thursday (March 10).

Machine Gunners.-Coaching for machine gun competition will be given by Sergt. Henderson on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters.

All members of the M.I. and A.C. Companies are requested to turn up for their utmost to turn up for the shoot at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 13. Details as to time, dress, etc., will be issued later. The following prizes will be shot for:-

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Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:-

Mounted Infantry Co.-Pte. A. W. Hay-Edie.

Armoured Car Co.-Pte. V. T. Lewy Pte. G. B. Labrum.

No. 4 Platoon.-Pte. M. A. Baptista, Pte. J. R. Soares, Pte. C. A. Roberts.

No. 2 Platoon.-Pte. S. O. Gregory.

Long Service Medal.

H.E. The Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to the undermentioned, as from February 21, 1927:-

Pte. J. A. E. Bullock, I.S.O., M.B.E., D.C.M., Reserve Company.

Pte. J. L. McPherson, Reserve Scottish Company.

Transfers.

Pte. J. R. Collis is transferred from Mounted Infantry Co. to No. 1 Platoon.

Pte. A. T. Hunter is transferred from Armoured Car Co. to Mounted Infantry Co.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:-

Sergt. A. W. Brown, No. 7 Platoon, from March 1 to Feb. 28, 1928.

Pte. G. Beveland, A.C. Co. from April 1 to March 31, 1928.

Spr. R. R. Wood, Engineer Co. from March 1 to Sept. 30, 1927.

Gr. D. Peoples, Artillery Co. from March 1 to Dec. 31, 1927.

Pte. W. M. Johnston, Reserve Scottish Section, from March 1 to Dec. 31, 1927.

Pte. W. W. Barnes, Armoured Car Co. is permitted to go from the Corps on payment of the sum of £40.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 17th March 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 10th March, 1927, at 10 a.m.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before FRIDAY, the 11th instant or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 8th instant.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1927.

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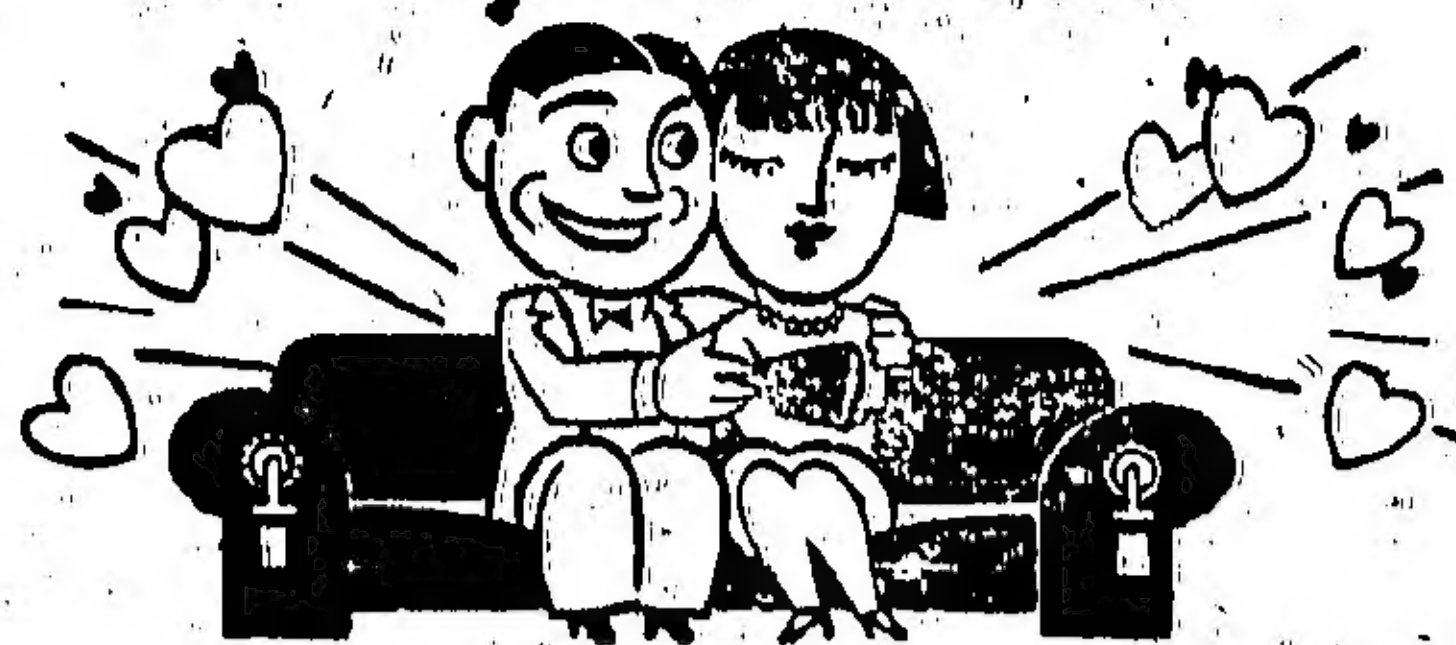
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Hong Kong, Friday, March 4, 1927.

MERELY TRANSITORY.

In presiding over the farewell
dinner in honour of Mr. A. H.
Ferguson, manager of the Char-
tered Bank, Sir Robert Ho Tung
was in a particularly happy vein
in his allusion to the troublous
times in China. As the hosts
were the Committee of the
Twenty Four Merchants' Guild
and their friends—all of them,
presumably of Cantonese birth—
the views expressed on their be-
half are nothing if not significant
and important. Moreover, the
very fact that such a harmonious
gathering is possible at the
moment is adequate testimony to
the great faith of the local Chi-
nese merchants in British com-
mercial integrity and in British
bona fides with regard to China
generally.

Sir Robert Ho Tung referred
to the estrangement between the
British and the Chinese in China,
but how far there is any funda-
mental difference he left to the
good sense of the large gather-
ing over which he presided to
answer for him. His own con-
clusion is one which will meet
with the full concurrence of all
who have seriously studied the
present problem—namely, that
"this estrangement and this dif-
ference is but superficial and
transitory." Like many others,
Sir Robert is convinced that
when the present gap is bridged
over, the old friendship and trust
will be restored to the greater
advantage of both.

These sentiments, it is true,
have been expressed on numerous
occasions by others, although not
perhaps in exactly the same
form. But it is when we look to
the nature of the gathering at
which they were uttered that
they stand out as something more
than the common or garden pros-
perity hope that leads us nowhere.
Equally deserving of prominence
is the loud applause that greeted
the concluding remark of the
guest of the evening, Mr. Fer-
guson, namely:

We cannot hide the fact that
the business community in
this Colony during the past
few years has passed through
trying times and although the
improvement, so far, is only
slight let us hope before long
the good sense of the average
Chinese will ultimately prevail
over Bolshevik influences and
before many moons are gone
we shall see ushered into this
Colony after more settled con-
ditions in and around Canton,
an era of sound business pros-
perity.

What Hong Kong thinks to-day
Canton will think to-morrow! We
have solid evidence of the good
sense of the average Chinese in
this Colony. It cannot be
imagined that that good sense
will be without excellent effect
ultimately on the average Chinese
in Canton. In that happy event
the sentiment expressed by Sir
Robert Ho Tung in regard to the
superficial and transitory nature
of the present estrangement be-
tween the Chinese and the British
will be found to be a true reflex
of genuine Chinese opinion. That,
again, should warrant us taking
a broad view of the situa-
tion and reciprocating the trust
which the Chinese of this Colony
at any rate repose in us.

Treachery.

This word sums up the history
of the entire civil war in China.
Money is doing more mischief
than machine guns. Generals on
one side to-day may be found on
the opposing side to-morrow with-
out having fired a shot or even
being within range of the battle-
field. It is a sordid game at the
best. A man who can be bought
and sold cannot be of much value
to any of the war lords, except
from the temporary moral effect
on the side from which he secedes.
It is, however, significant that
the great majority of the defections
have been in the ranks of
the Northern Army, which makes
us suspicious as to the source of
the money with which the National-
ists have bought over Generals.

Great has been the drain on the
coffers of the Cantonese people,
but that cannot have been suf-
ficient in itself to defray both the
expenses of the expedition to the
North and the cost of winning
over the services of opposing mili-
tary leaders. The fact, however,
that both Wu Pei-fu and Sun
Chuan-fang have suffered from
treachery shows that the machin-
ery of the Nationalists is much
better organised for secret pro-
paganda than does not stoop at
making a man a traitor to his own
side. Whether this will avail the
Nationalists much in the long run
remains to be seen. At present
it appears to be having only the
effect of prolonging the civil war
which, already, has had devastat-
ing effects on the country as a
whole.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DEFENCE OF MR. ERNEST TREVOR.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
Sir,—I would ask you to con-
sider the suggestion that I am con-
ducting the defence of Mr. Ernest
Trevor, as my present commercial
obligations expressly preclude me
from such action.

I felt it would have been unrea-
sonable to refuse his request that
I should apply for bail, since his
detention rendered it impossible for
him to make an application on his
own behalf; but I did not apply for
a remand (as stated) nor take any
other step therein.

That there should be in this
Colony no Prisoners' Aid Society or
similar machinery to assist a
Britisher in protecting his liberty
and reputation against a criminal
charge, is to my mind a very real
deficiency, to which the attention
of the public ought to be directed.

Yours faithfully,
—INSTONE BREWER,
President.

Instone Banking Corporation,
Limited.

Bank of Canton Building,
Hong Kong, March 3, 1927.

GOING HOME.

LOCAL POLICE INSPECTOR HONOURED.

Inspector Bond of the Water
Police who is retiring from the
Police Force after 21 years' hono-
rable service was honoured by mem-
bers of the Force in the canteen at
the Central Police Station yesterday
morning.

The Captain Superintendent of
Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe
presented the retiring officer with a
gold watch and chain and a match-
box. Amongst those present at the
ceremony were Mr. F. P. J.
Wodehouse, D.S.P., Chief Inspector
Kent, Divisional Inspector Spear,
Inspectors Ogg and Reynolds, Act-
ing Inspector Moss, Sub-Inspectors
Wilson, Ellis, Andrews, Lane and
Sergeants Waller, Monroe, Joy and
Hunt.

In making the presentation the
Hon. Mr. Wolfe said it gave him
great pleasure to record the excel-
lent service of Inspector Bond who
had spent his whole period of ser-
vice carrying out duties in a very
important section of the Hong Kong
Police. Inspector Bond who had
been responsible on more than one
occasion for saving life, prompted
both by humanity and the sense of
duty to bring an offender to justice.

The Inspector's record was then
read by the C.S.P. Joining the
Force from the Royal Navy in 1906,
Inspector Bond was promoted Lance
Sergeant in 1912, Crown Sergeant
in 1918, Sub-Inspector in 1920 and
Inspector in charge of Water Police
craft in 1924.

In 1907 Inspector Bond was com-
mended by the Governor for "res-
cuing two men from drowning and
again in 1914 for meritorious work
at a fire which broke out in one of
the Standard Oil Company's tanks.

In January 1917 Inspector Bond was
granted a third class police medal
by the Governor for risking his life
by jumping into the harbour to re-
scue coal thieves.

In 1925 Inspector Bond received
a third commendation from the
Governor for conspicuous and val-
uable services rendered during the
general strike. It was Inspector
Bond who took the sampan and
lighter men in hand and he dealt
with them so effectively that he
practically stopped them from go-
ing on strike.

MISS NORA MOON.

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as elusive as the melodic line of
the moderns. A rare quality, in-
fact, and when met with in the
musical profession, particularly re-
freshing—especially in its applica-
tion to vocal art. A true exponent
is the soprano, Miss Nora Moon,
who gave a recital yesterday at the
Helena May Institute. Her pro-
gramme was a veritable model of
versatile expression. Side by side
with the highly dramatic and de-
clamatory, in the shape of Aida's
"Ritorna Vincitor," one found ex-
amples of Puccini's smooth lyricism
in the Butterfly, Mimi and Musetta
arias, whilst, as further contrast,
Miss Moon had drawn upon early
Verdi. All the arias she sang
were heavy old favourites, but none
the less acceptable for that, and
whilst one admired the adherence
to traditional interpretation, one
could not help but feel amazed, too,
at the facile manner in which the
singer switched from one type to
another. The group of songs which
followed were also chosen with an
eye to their separate and distinct
values. Miss Moon seemed to
establish here a closer relationship
with her British audience. And
well she might. For the appeal in

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

Owing to a printer's mistake
there were two small errors in the
solutions of the "China Mail's"
sixth cross-word puzzle compe-
tition as published in our issue
yesterday. No. 3 down should
have read Ely and No. 33 down
Ted. This of course made no
difference in the judging of the
competition which was based on
the correct solution held under
sealed cover.

each case was very successfully
wrought, whether in the grave
Sibelius or care free Mallinson, the
sombre Bantock, or lighter atmos-
phere of the Geel Moon ballads.

Miss Moon's organ is stamped
with that quality of "freshness"
usually associated with the English-
trained voice, but possessing, too,
sufficient of the grand manner
which goes hand in hand with bel-
lento methods. Her delivery is
pleasantly free from wearying
mannerisms; her attack always
clean, the phrasing of legato pas-
sages delightfully smooth, the for-
ture agile and clear cut, diction per-
fect and the voice as vibrant in the
lower as in the high registers.

Mr. Bowes-Smith made a very
able accompanist and Miss Godson
assisted very charmingly with her
violin.

H. L. W.

INDIAN JAILED.

SEQUEL TO ASSAULT INCIDENT.

The Indian ex-soldier and con-
stable of the Macao Police was yes-
terday afternoon convicted by Mr.
W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-
trate's Court, on a charge of causing
grievous bodily harm to his em-
ployer, Abbas Khan, an Army con-
tractor, and was sentenced to three
months' hard labour.

Mr. Leo d'Almada prosecuted and
Mr. McCallum defended.
The defendant in the witness box
denied the charge. He said he
merely accosted the complainant at
the junction of Canton and Austin
Roads to ask for the payment of
money due to him. The com-
plainant struck him across the
hand with a stick. In the struggle
which followed complainant fell
out of his ricksha and sustained the
injuries described.

In cross-examination by Mr.
d'Almada, defendant said complain-
ant was a bad man and during his
residence in the Colony he had
brought no fewer than 15 false
charges against innocent people.
After both solicitors had ad-
dressed the Court His Worship
convicted the defendant and passed
sentence as recorded above.

SENATOR'S OUTBURST.

Washington, March 3.

In the Senate debate on the
Mexican situation, Mr. Hefflin (De-
mocrat) fiercely denounced the
Catholic association, the Knights
of Columbus, and also attacked
Mr. Alfred Smith, the Democratic
Governor of New York State, who
is a Catholic and a possible Pres-
idential candidate, declaring it
would be most dangerous if Smith
was put up for White House while
the Mexican crisis continued.

Mr. Hefflin then attacked the Bri-
tish Ambassador Sir Esmé Howard
for attending "a recent meeting of
the Knights of Columbus, at
which Mexico was assailed."
The Democrat, Mr. William King,
however, paid the highest tribute
to Sir Esmé, declaring that he
could not permit the "charge" to
stand that Sir Esmé Howard "con-
nived at war or that he entered in-
to any conspiracy derogatory to the
best interests of his country."
—Routledge's American Service.

ARTICLES CHANGED.

UNION INSURANCE CO. & CHINA FIRE CO.

CONFIRMATORY MEETINGS.

Extraordinary meetings were
held at Union Building to-day to
confirm resolutions passed by a
previous meeting of shareholders
in the Union Insurance Society of
Canton, Ltd., and in the China
Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

First came the Union meeting
at which Mr. J. A. Plummer
(chairman) presided, supported
by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr.
W. L. Pattenden, Mr. W. H. Bell
(directors) and Mr. Paul Lauder
(general manager).

Shareholders present comprised
Messrs.:—H. B. L. Dowbiggin,
R. A. Dastur, W. E. L. Shenton,
R. D. Read, H. C. Gray, G. S.
Archbutt, J. Bentley, J. W.
Alabaster, A. Sommerfelt, H. C.
B. Way, B. M. C. da Cunha, A. E.
S. Alves, V. L. dos Remedios,
V. R. V. Ribeiro, J. Gardner,
M. A. R. Souza, W. F. Gardner.

Chairman's Speech.
Mr. Lauder having read the
convening notice, Mr. Plummer
said:—

The object for which this meet-
ing has been called is as indicated
in the notice which the general
manager has just read, for the
purpose of confirming as a special
resolution the resolution which
was passed as an extraordinary
resolution at the meeting held on
February 15 last. That resolution,
concerned the approval of various
amendments and additions to the
articles of association of the So-
ciety.

You will also remember that at
the above mentioned meeting I ex-
plained to you why your board of
directors thought it desirable to
amend and add to the articles of
association, and I do not consider
it necessary to deal fur-
ther therewith, except to
add that at the meet-
ing in question the proposed
amendments and additions were
unanimously approved, and that a
resolution recording such approval
was unanimously passed as an
extraordinary resolution.

As a Special Resolution.

Under the Hong Kong Com-
panies' Ordinance, however, it is
necessary that the approval of the
amendments and additions to the
articles of association shall be
signified by special resolution,
and consequently this meeting
has been convened for the purpose
of enabling the extraordinary res-
olution above referred to, to be
confirmed as a special resolu-
tion. I accordingly beg to
propose the confirmation as a
special resolution of the said ex-
traordinary resolution which has
already been read to you by the
general manager. And I shall be
glad if some shareholder will
kindly second it.

CHINA FIRE CO.

Attendance and the Chairman's
Address.

Then followed the meeting of
the China Fire Insurance Co.,
Ltd., at which the attendance com-
prised:—Mr. J. A. Plummer
(chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. O.
Lang, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr.
W. H. Bell (directors), Mr. Paul
Lauder (general manager) and
Messrs. H. C. Gray, G. S. Arch-
butt, J. Bentley, J. W. Alabaster,
A. Sommerfelt, H. C. B. Way,
B. M. C. da Cunha, A. E. S. Alves,
V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V.
Ribeiro, J. Gardner, M. A. R.
Souza, S. M. Garrard, J. H. M.
Andrew, W. F. Gardner, C. D.
Walen, E. A. Brodie, H. E. Orr,
M. D. G. Hoare, A. A. Alves, F. H.
Farne.

Same Procedure.

The same procedure was adopt-
ed. Mr. Plummer's speech was
word for word, the same as that
for the previous meeting, except
that "Company" was used here
instead of "Society," the differ-
entiation being on account of the
names of the concerns.

Mr. R. A. Dastur seconded the
Union's motion and Mr. G. S.
Archbutt seconded that for
"China Fire."

No question was asked and both
resolutions were carried unani-
mously.

London, March 3.—The Zoologi-
cal Society of London hope shortly
to begin the development of a wild
bird sanctuary reserve for British
fauna and an exercise and breeding
station and country home for ani-
mals in the London Zoological
Gardens and, ultimately, to con-
struct a zoological park. Four
hundred acres, situated in the Chil-
tern Hills, about thirty miles from
London, have been purchased for
this purpose. —Routledge.

CRAMPS IN THE STOMACH.

No need of suffering from cramps in
the stomach or intestinal pain.
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
Dysentery Remedy never fails to relieve the most
severe cases. Get it today; there will
be no time to wait for it after the
attack comes on. For sale everywhere.

5,000 TROOPS.

Battalion For Fanling
To-morrow.

GUARDS AT HAPPY VALLEY?

The 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment (arriving yesterday by the s.s. "Karmala") will be proceeding to Fanling to-morrow where they will go under canvas and remain there until further orders.

There is not sufficient camp accommodation at Fanling for the 1st Battalion who arrived with the Middlesex in the meantime (until the Fanling camp is enlarged), these men are split up between the Wellington and Victoria Barracks, Hong Kong.

The 1st Green Howards (which Battalion arrived yesterday on the s.s. "Assaye") are remaining on board until further orders. Eventually they too will proceed to Fanling.

The naval hospital ship "Maine" (white with red crosses) arrived yesterday evening and is at buoy in the harbour.

No definite orders have yet been received relating to the Goldstream but, with the view of getting "the lay of the land" should they be remaining here for some time, a visit of inspection was paid to Happy Valley yesterday and the Race Stands and other huts being erected were examined. The stands, it is understood, will be utilised if necessary.

The work of preparing Happy Valley for the Goldstream is likely to take about another ten days. In the meantime, they remain in the barracks except for occasional route marches. "Star" ferries are utilised for their transport to and from shore. There was a strong turn out for a route march after lunch to-day, the men lining the Band prior to moving off.

The only remaining troops to arrive are the Camerons and the Royal Artillery, on the s.s. "Hermione" which is due here on Sunday.

At the moment, there are about 5,000 troops of the Shanghai Defence Force in Hong Kong.

THIEF CHASED.

CHINESE WOMEN'S SPIRITED ACTION.

While two Chinese women were walking in Praya East, near the Naval Canteen, yesterday morning, a youth came up from behind and snatched a gold ear pick from the hair of one of them. Both women pluckily gave chase, blowing a police whistle as they went. After a long run the snatcher was stopped by a constable in Lai Chi Street.

He must have dropped the woman's ornament during the chase as it was not found on him when he was searched at No. 2 Police Station. Instead, another hair ornament broken in three lengths was found in his coat pocket together with six pawn tickets, five relating to clothing and one to a gold watch.

The sequel was heard in Major Wilson's Court this morning when the arrested man was charged with snatching and unlawful possession of the broken hair ornament.

He denied snatching and said he joined the chase when he heard the police whistle and was surprised he was arrested. The broken ornament he said he picked up in the Race Course on the third day of the races.

Convictions were recorded by His Worship. On the snatching charge accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and 20 strokes. Sentence of one month hard labour was passed on the second count.

ARMED ROBBERS.

WOMAN PLUCKILY RAISES ALARM.

Four men attempted to carry out an armed robbery on the third floor of No. 15, Lyndhurst Terrace at 7 a.m. to-day. The leader of the gang who was armed with a pork butcher's knife attempted to intimidate a woman inmate of the house but she very pluckily gave the alarm and the men bolted without stealing anything.

FLOOR GIVES WAY.

CHINESE MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

The second floor of No. 252, Wanchai Road, a rather old building, suddenly collapsed without warning yesterday afternoon. A Chinese man, the only person on the premises at the time, fell through to the ground floor together. The man was rescued from the debris by firemen and police and taken to hospital badly injured. Shoring up has been put in and the building has been vacated.

"YELLOWISH GREEN."

FORGED HONG KONG BANK NOTE.

CHARGE AGAINST TAILOR.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with attempting to pass a forged \$10 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Accused who said he was a tailor claimed to have received the note from a customer who had since gone home to Kowloon. He did not know it was forged at the time he passed it.

It was alleged accused went to No. 8, Kwan Yik Street, Kennedy Town, to rent a cubicle. He offered to give a deposit of \$3 and tendered the false note for change. The mistress of the house saw at once that the note was forged and sent for the police. Accused had no other money on his person when searched at the police station.

Mr. H. G. Hegarty, assistant of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, said the note was not so good a forgery as some he had seen recently. The colour was yellowish green. "Personally he could tell at a glance that it was a forgery. He did not think the note could deceive the ordinary European or Chinese who were used to handling notes of this denomination."

A remand was ordered until to-morrow for evidence to be produced as to the accused's character.

"SEVERE LESSON."

EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICER'S OFFENCE.

Ernest Wright, a member of the Hong Kong Police Force was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with being absent from duty at the Central Police Station from 8 a.m. on February 23rd to 11 a.m. on the 3rd.

Mr. Wodehouse, D.S.P., said the defendant was absent from duty during the stated hours except for a short period on the 3rd when he attended Court to proceed with some summonses.

The C.S.P. had had occasion to reprimand the defendant for negligence on two or three occasions previously and this time, with a view to giving him a severe lesson directed that he be charged in Court.

Defendant said he met some friends from one of the troopships and had two or three drinks, and was afterwards not responsible for his actions.

He was fined \$25 or in default 14 days hard labour.

The fine was paid.

DEAD BABY'S BODY.

\$100 FINE FOR DUMPING IN STREET.

The Chinese charged with dumping the dead body of a baby which had died of small-pox was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, when he pleaded that he had no money to pay for funeral expenses, and was on his way to take the body to the mortuary when he was arrested.

His Worship pointed out that accused was going in the wrong direction at the time, and convicted him of dumping.

Dr. Pope, M.O.H., pressed for a heavy penalty in the interest of the public, and asked leave to withdraw the charge of failing to report the death of the child.

This was granted, and His Worship imposed a fine of \$100 on the first charge.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

Although a brighter day, the temperature at the Observatory, this morning was two degrees lower than yesterday via. 49.

The forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow is: N. winds, fresh, fine to cloudy.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

DAMAGE TO A TELEPHONE.

The Chinese who yesterday figured the telephone case was this morning convicted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

He was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on the charge of impersonating a Telephone Co. employee, and four weeks on the charge of damaging Mr. Foo Sik's telephone. He was acquitted on the third count of unlawful possession of telephone parts.

BANISHMENT CHARGE.

John Matthias who was concerned in a series of thefts from local music stores, and banished on November 4, 1926, for a period of ten years was before Major Wilson with unlawfully returning to the Colony. He was remanded in custody until to-morrow morning.

Pupils of Miss Violet Capell recently made her presentation of a handsome Spanish shawl and were asked by Miss Capell to express her thanks for the kindly spirit which prompted the gift (the shawl was one of the many excellent ones the Pioneer Silk Store have on view).

OFF TO IRAQ.

LEGAL SECRETARY TO HIGH COMMISSIONER.

MR. NIHILL'S NEW POST.

Confirmation has been received of the appointment of Mr. J. H. B. Nihill as Legal Secretary to the High Commissioner of Iraq.

This being mandated territory (under the Versailles Treaty), the post is under the Colonial Office.

Mr. Nihill, who is at present acting as Puisne Judge, was born in 1892 and educated at Felsted and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he took 2nd-Class Honours in the historical tripos.

He was elected President of the Cambridge Union in May, 1914 and shortly after the outbreak of hostilities, enlisted with the Honourable Artillery Company and later obtained a Commission with the Munster Fusiliers, serving with the Regiment throughout the War and gaining the Military Cross.

On demobilisation (in 1919) Mr. Nihill joined the Ministry of Labour as an investigating Officer in the Joint Industrial Councils Department and in that capacity assisted in the formation of several Whitley Councils.

In 1920, Mr. Nihill became Private Secretary to Sir William Edge M.P., then Junior Lord of the Treasury in Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition Government.

In July of 1921, Mr. Nihill was appointed a cadet in the Hong Kong Civil Service and after studying Cantonese at Macao he was appointed the following year Third Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs. He passed his final examination in Cantonese in December, 1923, and in March of that year became Acting Assistant Crown Solicitor.

The legal ability he showed in that position was recognised in his appointment last year (on return from Home leave) as Police Magistrate, Kowloon, and subsequently, Assistant Attorney-General.

Mr. Nihill is a Master of Arts and a member of the English Bar (Inner Temple). His future career will be followed with interest by a large circle of friends.

A CHARMING FILM.

ROMANCE AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"BEVERLEY OF GRAUSTARK."

"Beverley of Graustark," the feature film now showing at the Queen's Theatre is a picture that can hold its own among recent productions for the skill with which it has been produced, imagination and technical ability having combined to make a very notable achievement in this respect. But "Beverley of Graustark" owes its success to more than clever filming. There is, first of all, a delightful story, in which a beautiful girl personates a prince to win the throne of a modern kingdom. Then there is the finished acting of Marion Davies now as the girl, now as the supposed prince. Again there is the rapid succession of events, dramatic and humorous, which holds the spectator's attention to the charming climax, a splendid court scene in natural colours. Finally there is the happily appropriate music of the Queen's Orchestra under the able leadership of Mr. Grovlin.

The programme is completed by a topical gazette and a Prisma colour film, one of the most interesting yet screened here, showing what the world would look like if objects failed to absorb and reflect light.

EXPIRED LOTTERY TICKETS.

A Chinese was charged before Major Wilson this morning with the unlawful possession of four "poplu" lottery tickets.

He said the lottery was drawn on February 11 and he was retaining the tickets because he had not yet seen the result of the draw.

Inspector Lanning said that the tickets had in fact expired and asked for a discharge which was granted.

WOODEN SHED ABLAZE.

Damage to the extent of \$200 was done by fire which broke out in a wooden shed used for storing straw on the foreshore at Ah Kong Nam, Shaikwan. Firemen and police were early on the scene and extinguished the flames after a brisk fight.

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DEEDS NOT WORDS.

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be taken. We have thought before we proceed to any extremity that it was right to call the world to witness the serious nature of the complaint which we have, and to give the Soviet Government one more opportunity of conforming their conduct to the ordinary rules of international life and comity."—British Wireless Service.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

Now Greater Than With China.

London, March 3. Anglo-Russian relations were debated in the House of Commons on the initiative of the Liberal, Sir Archibald Sinclair, moving a resolution in the vote.

He declared that during the past two years Britain's trade with Russia was greater than with China.

He thought the last words of the Soviet Note offered an opportunity of improving Anglo-Russian relations and laying the foundations of world peace.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald accused the Conservatives of embarking on mischievous and subversive propaganda, which if adopted by Russia against us, would not have been tolerated by the Labour Government.

He declared that if he had been in office the Note would have been sent to Russia long before 1927, and if that Note would have been less stiff in its language than Sir Austen Chamberlain's it would have been stiffer in substance.

He agreed that no country could tolerate foreign interference in its own affairs, but said that there should be discrimination between legitimate and illegitimate causes of complaint.

Trouble in China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain denied that he had allowed matters to drift. On the contrary he had made more than one specific protest against specific acts of the Soviet Government, but he received no satisfaction.

The Minister cited the utterance of Mr. Philip Snowden (the Labour leader) to the effect that Bolshevik activities had been directed mainly against Britain and that the anti-British rising in China was deliberately due to Bolshevik inspiration.

Sir Austen Chamberlain asked if anybody could possibly contend that what the Soviets had done, and were doing, was not a clear contravention of their solemn engagements.

How Long?

He agreed with Sir Archibald Sinclair that when the trade agreement was signed the Lloyd George Government did not expect the conditions to be kept, but we were entitled to anticipate that in a reasonable time the engagements would be implemented, and henceforth kept, but they never had been on the Soviet side.

The only question now was how long we were going to entertain diplomatic relations with a country which abuses them.

Eliminating Suspicion.

Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that Britain had to take the wider view than her own internal situation. He stated that British foreign policy was directed to eliminating suspicion and to stabilising the peace of Europe and the world, and whatever the provocation or whatever their own interests, they could not have had a sudden breach between Britain and Russia without repercussions in the whole European situation. Hence he had urged upon the Government patience and forbearance in the face of unparalleled provocation, but he realised that there were limits beyond which patience could not be carried.

Missed the Point.

He declared that the Soviet's reply missed the point, inasmuch as Britain had not attempted to interfere with the Soviets within their own boundaries but demanded that their policy conform with the comity of nations.

It was not mere verbal acceptance we expected, or could accept, and the Government reserved the right to judge the expediency of any step which might be contemplated, and the moment when it should be taken.

Government Upheld.

Sir Austen Chamberlain thought that before proceeding to extremity it was right to call the attention of the world to the seriousness of the complaints they made and to give the Soviet one more opportunity to conform its conduct to the ordinary rules of international life and comity.

The debate resulted in the rejection of the Liberal motion by 271 votes to 146.—*Reuter.*

London, March 3. Russia was also discussed in the House of Lords where Lord

WAR TO GO ON.

No Compromise With South.

EMPHATIC STATEMENT.

Peking, Feb. 21.

General Yang Yu-ting, Marshal Chang Tso-lin's chief of staff, interviewed by Reuter and newspaper correspondents to-day emphatically declared that there could be no compromise with the Southerners until the Russian Bolsheviks were eliminated.

If the Southerners attacked Shanghai the Northerners would defend it. The Fengtien forces and the Cantonese would inevitably clash very shortly in Honan, Kiangsu and Anhui.

He declared there was always the possibility of all parties in China compromising and sooner or later they would make peace among themselves. But he declared, emphatically that the time for compromise with the South had not yet come.

The Fengtien party objected to the important part played by the Soviet on the Kuomintang Council. They strongly opposed Russian Bolshevik principles, and as long as the Russians were there, there was no room for conciliation. We are not fighting General Chang Tso-lin but we are fighting the Russians.

It had been said that the South had definite principles and aims but the North none. This was not correct. The North also had clear political principles but the present was not the time to enunciate them.

When all parties were agreed on the form of Government Mukden would also agree. Mukden did not believe in unifying the whole country by force but it did believe in unifying all north of the Yangtze by force. When this was accomplished they would tackle political problems.

Cause of the Trouble.

Misunderstandings between the North and the South are partly due to differences of temperament. The Southerners liked to talk and indulge in propaganda while the Northerners talked and acted slowly.

"Nevertheless in the end what ever the North has in mind will be carried out."

For the past six months the North had been criticised by Chinese and foreigners for slowness. This had been due to lack of unity of command.

General Yang Yu-ting recalled the lack of success of the Allies in the Great War until unity of command had been obtained. The successes of the South were due to the same reason. The Fengtien party had repeatedly asked Marshal Wu Peifu to attack Hankow or withdraw and allow them to attack but he did neither. Similarly the Fengtien party had promised help to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. It was arranged that his troops should be in the vanguard but he wanted the Mukden forces to make the attack and yet did not like their coming through his territory.

The Mukden troops, for geographical reasons, had been always in the rear of the forces on the Sun Chuan-fang-Wu Peifu front and when the Fengtien forces tried to advance they were not merely not helped but the other two tried to frustrate them.

Shanghai to be Defended.

Now there was to be a change. Contact between Mukden and the Southerners had been indirect. Now it would be direct.

Marshal Chang Chung-chang came to Peking yesterday and had had a conference with Marshal Chang Tso-lin and returned to Nan-king this morning after agreeing to give military assistance to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang in Kiangsu. As a result of the decisions of that conference the Fengtien forces and the Cantonese would come into contact on three fronts, Kiangsu, Anhui and Wushengkuan.

It was not known that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang had lost Chekiang and the Southerners were advancing on Shanghai. If they did not make a direct attack on Shanghai but merely stirred up the workers, causing political trouble, then the Fengtien and Cantonese clash would be likely to occur on the railway somewhere between Shanghai and Nan-king.

If however the Kuomintang launched it had been definitely decided that the Northerners would defend it.

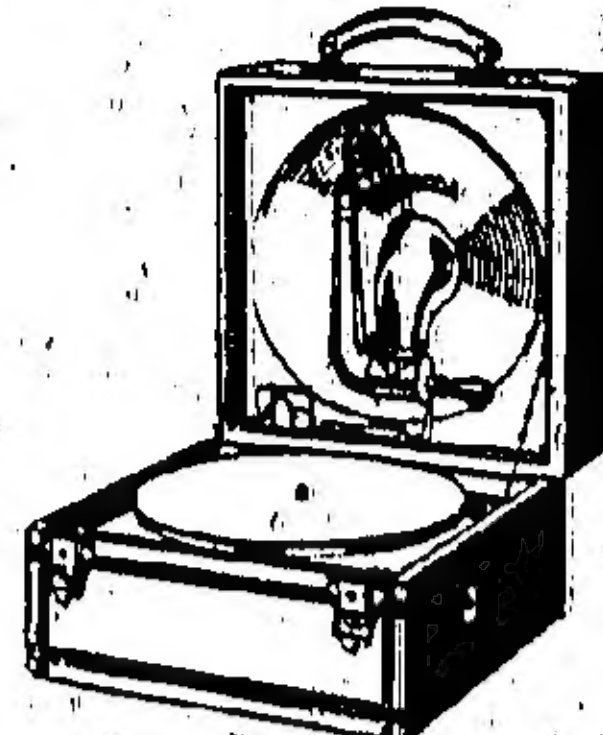
If the Southerners attacked Anhui the Northerners would counter-attack and press towards Hankow. They would also attack Wushengkuan on the Peking line. While the Southerners were attacking Shanghai the Fengtien forces would attempt to retake Hankow.

The whole Fengtien army in Honan would have crossed the Yellow River within a week. When Honan was settled they would advance into Shensi and Kansu and eliminate the Kuominchun. He emphasized that after long waiting things had come to a clear cut issue between the North and the South.

Salisbury, leader of the House of Lords, made a statement similar to that made by Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

Lord Reading and Lord Grey supported the Government's attitude, the latter expressing the opinion, however, that it would have been better to say nothing than to send a note which it was inexpedient to follow up at present.—*Reuter.*

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Musical advertised for March 10, at the Helena May Institute is cancelled and will take place on March 17 instead.—Adv.

Shanghai must have felt the holding up of the mail service during the general strike, as a letter dated Feb. 18 only reached the addressee in Hong Kong this week. Readers will remember that the Post Office employees were prominent in the short-lived stoppage. One Hong took the precaution of cabling in ordinary language a summary of the contents of the letter referred to. The recipient in Hong Kong was very pleased to get the telegram as the delay to the letter might have caused serious inconvenience. It is interesting to recall that the Hong Kong Post Office never ceased functioning during the 1925 crisis as volunteers, the clerical staff and men from other departments ably carried on after some of the postmen had walked out. True, people had to call for mail in person but there was hardly any delay at all.

Everybody in England is aware that Chamberlain and Churchill would never have been so reasonable over China if they had not had some trick up their sleeves, according to "Truth," whose theory it takes the murder of missionaries to stir the United States may have sounded somewhat grim, but Hankow suggests, that Chinese Bolshevism is to be allowed its head until something happens. Few Americans are thinking just now of the Yellow Peril. They can afford to lose the trade with China and go on more prosperous than ever. But if China really turns nasty and becomes a big stick in the hands of Russia, the United States will be as deeply involved as she was when Germany kicked over the traces. She will not like it. And the Republicans, like Woodrow Wilson, will lose the White House. But the intervention will be, none the less, regarded as unavoidable.

A Chinese woman was knocked down by a motor lorry in Connaught Road Central yesterday. She was badly injured and removed to hospital.

Suffering from Lysol poisoning, stated to be self administered, a Chinese woman residing on the second floor of No. 40, Stanley Street was yesterday taken to hospital.



Mr. Charles Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, which has a branch in Hong Kong, who has announced that the deposits in that institution have passed the billion dollar mark, an accomplishment unprecedented in the annals of American banking. The bank is the largest in America, measured by every standard, and has the largest capital investment of any bank in the world.

Thursday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony comprised three cases of small-pox (2 Chinese and 1 non-resident Indian) and two cases of typhoid (Chinese). All the patients were registered in the city district.

The resignation of Captain G. H. Bell, 2nd/K.O.S.B.'s and the appointment of Brevet Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C., Gordon Highlanders, as Adjutant, are mentioned in current orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

"Sorry, sir, but my instructions are to admit nobody without a ticket," said one of the military men doing duty at the public stand gate of the race course on Tuesday. The man addressed was not in uniform but he gave his name as one of the titled officers of the 2nd Coldstream Guards, the battalion having just arrived that day. However, the ranker suggested the members' enclosure down the road. A few minutes later, the visitor presented himself at that gate and was immediately admitted. During the afternoon, quite a number of Guards officers were noticed in attendance and it is believed that they were all accepted on an "honorary" basis. But none of them entered through the public gate!

A fine illustration of Sino-British friendship is reported by a correspondent in connection with the annual race meeting. On Derby Day, a very prettily dressed Chinese girl boarded a tram near the Dragon Motor Co.'s garage at Happy Valley to find only standing room. Jerked backwards when the tram started, she lost her foothold for a moment. A British matron was sitting just behind her. Before the girl could protest, the British lady had held her by the waist and then drew the girl down to sit on her knees. One spoke in Chinese and the other in English. Neither understood a word said by the other (observes the "correspondent") but they smiled at each other and kept on nodding till the tram had reached the gate to the members' enclosure. Squeezing out through the crowd, the British lady gently dropped the now reassured girl into her seat with a parting admonition "you take my place" to which the girl replied with "m'go!" (thank you).

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. D. H. Banner, of the staff of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, was a passenger on the "Antenor" which arrived here yesterday from Home.

The Rev. J. H. Franklin, the Rev. H. F. Watson, the Rev. D. B. MacQueen, the Rev. Father Gagnon and Dr. Kervran were among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong for Shanghai on the M.M. "Paul Lecat."

The sudden death, due to heart failure, of Mr. George William Ritchie, of Victoria (Malaya) Rubber Estates, Ltd., Padang Seraf, and Ashburn, Brechin, Scotland, occurred at the General Hospital, Penang, on February 17.

Having spent several months leave at Home, Mr. K. S. Morrison returned to the Colony yesterday on the "Antenor." Mr. Morrison is a director of Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd. and is a fine golfer and a keen Volunteer officer.

Mr. H. Griffin of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (accompanied by Mrs. Griffin) were on the "Antenor" which arrived yesterday from Home where they have been on long leave. Mr. Griffin has been missed from the Hong Kong Cricket Club this season as he has bowled well regularly for the second eleven.

Mr. J. P. Bourne, Superintendent of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., sailed on Wednesday by the M.M. "Paul Lecat" for Shanghai. He is going northwards to meet the tourist ship "California" which will later come on to Hong Kong where the cruise will be in the hands of the Hotels Co. Mr. Bourne was accompanied by Mr. P. I. Newman, resident manager of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Another successful Ladies' Night was held at the European Y.M.C.A. last night, there being a large number of members and guests present. The contributors to the programme were Mrs. Glen, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Mr. C. W. Baldwin, Mr. R. Baldwin, Eng. Lt. Com. A. S. Beddall, Mr. W. F. White, Mr. C. D. Lake and the Ubique Orchestra. The subject of the next debate at the Y.M.C.A. is "It is the opinion of this meeting that a man's own powers play a greater part than chance in achieving success." Dr. E. E. Ashton and Mr. A. May will be for the affirmative and Mr. T. J. Price and Mr. A. A. Dand for the negative.

The Blue Funnel steamer "Antenor," which arrived here yesterday from Home via Singapore and ports, brought back a number of residents to Hong Kong. Those who disembarked here included Captain and Mrs. Croft and Miss S. H. Croft, Mr. A. Duncan, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. L. W. Lewer.

Back from Home leave Mr. J. L. Adams, architect, on the staff of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, returned to the Colony yesterday with Mrs. Adams by the "Antenor."



Princess Alexandra Victoria of Holstein-Gottorp-Ruppin, daughter-in-law of the ex-Kaiser of Germany will visit Hong Kong which she will exhibit in London.

The wife of Colonel F. Hayley Bell, Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and district, Mrs. Hayley Bell, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "Antenor" from Home.

The Rev. T. W. Pearce of the London Missionary Society came back to Hong Kong yesterday on the "Antenor." Dr. Pearce is an honorary LL.D. of the University and was warden of Morrison Hall. A very old resident, Dr. Pearce is an expert on the Chinese language and is well known to "gringos" as being in charge of the Chamber of Commerce School for Chinese Studies. Dr. Pearce was given a hearty send-off from Home on returning from leave.

Bound for Manila, the "President Lincoln" had a long passenger list when she sailed from Hong Kong yesterday. Those on the boat include Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Marquard, Captain Paak Kessasami, Professor M. O. Hudson, Captain Sitt Saeng Kuto, Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Hudson.

Major Olivecrona has returned to China, arriving at Hong Kong from Marseilles this week on the M.M. "Paul Lecat." From the same port were Mrs. C. M. Lindsay Woods, Miss Chater, Miss Richardson and Mons. Soulange Tessler (a French Consul) all bound for Hong Kong. From Singapore, the port brought Mr. R. Toda of the Japanese Government and Mr. Lee Chung-yao, a Chinese broker.

Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, I.S.O., M.B.E., D.C.M., Chief Clerk of the Colonial Secretariat and Mr. J. L. McPherson, general secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., have both been awarded the long service medal for Colonial Auxiliary Forces. Mr. Bullock is in the Reserve Company and Mr. McPherson in the Scottish Reserve Company. Both are Privates.

The death of Mr. A. A. Craigen has occurred at Taijping with tragic suddenness. Mr. Craigen, who was the proprietor of Eaglehurst estate, had been in poor health for some time, and, with Mrs. Craigen, was booked to sail for home a few days later. He was apparently quite all right when he dropped in at the New Club, Taijping, but half an hour or so after his arrival he was taken ill and, on the advice of Dr. Duff, was removed to the Hospital, where he died a few hours after admission.

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SPORTS SECTION

SOCCER NOTES.

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JUNIOR SHIELD TEL.

Local soccer on Saturday will be restricted to four fixtures but these will be fairly interesting in their respective spheres.

Needless to say, curtailment is due to tomorrow being the fourth day of the Jockey Club annual race meeting. Possibly on account of the races, there will be no play at Happy Valley grounds. Fixtures, times, venues and referees are—

JUNIOR SHIELDS.

2nd Round (postponed till).
St. Joseph's College "B" v. Chinese Athletic "A" at Sankumpoo "A" ground, 2.30 p.m. Mr. Gilbert.

LEAGUE.

Division II.

South China A. v. Royal Artillery, Sankumpoo "A" ground, 4.30 p.m. Mr. W. E. Hilland.
Division II, Section "A".
Royal Artillery Reserves v. Club de Recreo, Sankumpoo "B" ground, 1 p.m. Mr. Lunsdale.
Kowloon F.C. Reserves v. 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers Reserves, Kowloon F.C. ground, 3 p.m. Captain Austin.

Hard Task Ahead.

Extra time will be played, it is necessary in the shield, for the minutes each week. The contesting teams meet for the right of playing the Borderers' Reserves on the H.K.F.C. ground on March 12, when the semi-final round is down for decision. The Chinese seek to win. No matter which side gets through, it will have a difficult time against the Koshies' second eleven, the infantrymen being practically assured of the section "A" league championship and are favorites for the junior shield.

On Wednesday, the draw for the semi-final in both divisions of the Shield competition was published in the "China Mail".

Senior Shield Prospects.
In the upper circle, Kowloon F.C. (holders for five seasons in succession) should pass through to the final but the steady Royal Artillery side should give the Peninsula men a hard tussle as the match is at Sankumpoo and Kowloon do strange things away from home.

In their present form, the Police should get the better of the Koshies' 1st XI but a replay may be necessary before the right of appearing in the final is decided.

Kowloon Reserves and the H.K.F.C. Reserves meet in the semi-final of the junior division but the chances of the ultimate winners are not too rosy in the final.

Senior League Struggle.

Elsewhere on this page are given the league tables to date. The question of H.K.S. "Tamar" withdrawal from the senior division has been settled. Here each club has to play fourteen matches. Either the Police or Chinese Athletic can still get level with the leaders if maximum points are obtained in the remaining two fixtures for each club. Should the Police or Chinese Athletic drop a point, the championship goes to the Reserves. Or if Reserves get one more point from their last three games, they win the Cup for the season.

Now there are six clubs in the race for runners-up medals, i.e., all but the Reserves and the wooden spoonists (South China) who meet the Gunners tomorrow.

Prior to the Interport festival, South China showed signs of improvement but have recently gone off again. On form, the Gunners should add two valuable points to their score.

Junior Table.
Each of the clubs in section "A" has to play eighteen matches.

Working on figures again, Chinese Athletic "A" the R.A. Reserves and Kowloon Reserves may catch up the Borderers' Reserves (leaders) and the only undefeated team in the three leagues.

The infantrymen are still as strong as ever. Even if their three nearest competitors get full points as from to-day, the Borderers need only three points out of their last five games to become junior champions.

A prediction that they will obtain the points (a win and a draw, or three draws) can be easily made. That issue out of the way, there will still be a close struggle for the second position.

In Section "B."
Matters are clearer in section "B" where St. Joseph's College Reserves and Moslem Club have to play off for the championship.

Each club has 24 points and has played all the requisite games.

The Moslems have the better goal average but only points count in the Hong Kong Football League.

THE RACES.

ANNUAL MEETING, 4TH DAY.

OLD EVENT REVIVED.

(By "Patrol")
The same procedure will be adopted at the fourth day (tomorrow) of the annual race meeting as on earlier days.

The first race is at 12 noon and the fifth race (after the tiffin interval) is at 3 p.m.

There are ten events on the card including the Subscription Grifflins Championship (for which Skidoo will probably start favorite) and three handicap races.

A feature of meetings years ago is to be revived in the "Mafios" Race (the last on the programme).

I hear that all the Shanghai jockeys will be riding to-morrow. Good sport is assured, with a chance of more big dividends.

Tips for the day will be given in to-morrow's first edition to be published before mid-day.

WEIGHTS OUT.

Three Handicap Races for To-morrow.

Weights have been allotted for the three handicap events of to-morrow, as follows—

The Tylan Handicap (4th race), one mile—

	Lbs.
Tangle	167
Kom Tong Hall	167
Skidoo	167
King Ahn	160
The Griz	159
Baghera	159
Pottobush	158
Bing Boy	158
Borderer	155
Loch Tummel	155
Positive Eye	155
White Mouse	155
Scouter	155
Ceres	155
Perversity	155
Yorks	153
Mountain Fox	153
Pearl River II	153
Min River	152
Fire Call	152
Solstice Eve	152
Sugar Leaf	152
Grosvener	151
Smoke Call	150
Darno	149
Foxtro	149
Salt Cellar	148
Kwong Chow	148
Tit Mouse	148
The George and Vulture	148
Bashak	148
Lochaber	145

"The Hong Kong Handicap"—"A" Class (5th race) 1 1/4 miles—

	Lbs.
San Francisco Bay	173
Elliot Bay	173
Cherapoke Bay	173
Misty Eve	170
Canada	167
Brigade Call	164
King of England	164
Battle Eve	164
Bengal	164
Attiboy	164
King of the Plains	162
The Gomeril	161
Saucy Sue	158
Sanburg Rose	155
Granite del Norte	155
Ukable	152
The Geuzer	152
San Diego	152
September	148
Demon Boy	143
The Gnome	143

"The Hong Kong Handicap"—"B" Class (6th race) 1 1/4 miles—

	Lbs.
Esplor	162
The Ghost	161
Bright Eve	160
Total Abstinence	158
The Ghoul	158
Laceda II	158
Olo Custom	158
Grey Knight	155

LOCAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For Agst.	Pts.
Club de Recreo	11	8	2	1	33	15
Kowloon F.C.	13	6	2	5	23	14
Police R.C.	12	6	2	4	11	12
Chinese Athletic	12	5	4	3	18	22
Scottish Borderers	18	6	1	6	20	19
Royal Artillery	12	5	2	5	18	18
Hong Kong Football Club	11	5	1	5	13	15
South China A.A.	12	0	0	11	5	26

Division II, Section "A".

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For Agst.	Pts.
Borderers' Reserves	13	12	1	0	50	25
Chinese Athletic "A"	14	8	2	4	31	21
R.A. Reserves	13	8	1	4	21	17
Kowloon Reserves	13	6	3	4	25	14
St. Joseph's College	14	6	2	6	31	19
Recreo Reserves	13	5	3	5	26	24
H.K.F.C. Reserves	13	5	2	6	18	22
University	11	5	0	6	17	10
South China Reserves	12	2	0	10	6	37
Chinese Athletic "B"	14	0	0	14	8	60

Division II, Section "B".

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For Agst.	Pts.
St. Joseph's Reserves	14	11	2	1	47	15
Moslem Club	14	12	0	2	36	0
Chinese Athletic "A"	13	6	2	5	15	14
South China Boy Scouts	13	6	1	6	20	30
H.K. Bank Portuguese	14	5	2	7	17	31
Chinese Athletic "B"	13	4	0	9	19	24
Kowloon "B"	11	2	1	8	15	29
South China "B"	12	2	0	10	16	33

In their league cricket match to be played on the Civil Service ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow, the following will represent the Indian R.C.—Sirdar Khan (captain), J. S. Achkar, M. P. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail, V. T. Mans, A. S. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, I. Hassan, A. S. Sufiad, B. D. Rumjahn.

\$60,000 PRIZE.

SWEEP WON BY A COOK ON SHIP.

BOUGHT ONLY 1 TICKET.

After the races each year Hong Kong is always "full" of good and bad luck in the big drawings on the Derby and the Champions.

Faddists can evolve reasons why certain series, numbers or digits are "jossy" and why number so-and-so never comes out.

The biggest prize was that of over \$100,000 in the Chinese Club which is shared by a syndicate of ten persons on the staff of the Astor House Hotel at Swatow.

This was reported in the later edition of Wednesday's "China Mail" when reference was also made to a number of other fortunate winners.

Other Big Prizes.

Now comes the story of a Chinese cook named Chan Faj-nam on the Indo-China s.s. "Kdmang," which is due back in port shortly.

He bought only one ticket in the Compradores' Association sweep on the Derby and his ticket drew Elliot Bay, the winner.

The prize is about \$60,000. It is said that the cook called at the syndicate office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., when in Hong Kong some time ago, and that he took only one ticket at random, when invited to do so by Mr. Ho Leung.

The Chinese Engineers' Institute and the Sung Ching Association draws were also quite big affairs. Mr. Wong Sing-oh of the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., sold the winning ticket in the Institute sweep and the first prize of \$34,020 in the Sung Ching went to two of the staff of the Sun Yue Shing firm, Kowloon City main street.

Welcome Windfall.

Fifteen American gypsies, who because they did not have proper passports have been ordered to leave the Colony, are concerned in the second prize in the Chinese Club sweep, amounting to about \$28,000.

They consist of an old couple, some married children, younger children and grandchildren—all in one family. Having fallen on bad times, the gypsies bought ten tickets at \$10 each and are said to have had very little money left.

On being apprised of their stroke of luck—and at a very welcome moment—they at once made inquiries as to when payment would be made. It now transpires that they will be able to cash out just on the day they are due to be sent away from Hong Kong. According to present arrangements, the family intends returning to America.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB.

The following have entered for the annual Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club—
D. E. de Carvalho (holder), H. W. Randall, S. G. Hayes, C. E. Wong, J. S. Smith, J. C. Faers, and W. Paterson.

Bill Brewer	155
Dobbin	155
Dolly	155
Lady Luck	155
Spotted Sand	155
Southampton	152
Sarnsen	152
Mowgli	149
Grey Streuk	149
Rechabite	148
Loch Rannoch	148
August	148
Foxtro	148
Salvo	143
More Better	143
Semaphore	143

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

RAIN INTERFERES.

Two matches in the open singles championship were down for decision yesterday when the annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club began, but rain interfered.

E. C. Fincher and M. K. Lo had each won a set when play was stopped. Lo took the first set without the loss of a game but Fincher won the second 6-2.

In the other match, Grose lost the first set to Hung-Hun-chen and four games were shared in the second set when play was stopped.

Both matches will be replayed. C. W. Cheng, one of the youngest Chinese players has conceded a walk over to Lu Tak-lam in the first round of the open singles.

U.S.R.C. FINALS.

Yesterday's Conclusion and Prizes.

The annual tournament of the United Services Recreation Club at Kowloon concluded yesterday when the various finals were played.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. C. C. Lyard (wife of the G.O.C.).

The results were—
Ladies' Singles.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Miss Robinson, 4-5, 6-0, 6-3.
Mixed Doubles.—Dr. R. E. and Mrs. Tottenham beat Mr. A. B. Raworth and Miss Robinson, 6-4, 6-4.

Ladies' Doubles.—Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Grimble beat Mrs. Miles and Miss Robinson, 5-7, 9-7, 6-3.

Ladies' Singles Handicap.—Mrs. Miles beat Miss Tyrwhitt, 3-5, 6-4, 6-3.

Men's Doubles (semi-final).—Rev. F. P. W. Alexander and Major W. B. Stevenson, beat Lt. Sparks and Lt. Brewerton, 6-2, 9-7.

The finals of the ladies' doubles handicap was commenced but was abandoned on account of the rain.

K'LOON MARATHON.

LARGE ENTRY OF SERVICE MEN.

MONDAY'S EVENT.

The seventh annual Kowloon Marathon Race (under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church, Young Men's Club) will be held on Monday, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

As forecasted, the Committee has received a record number of entries—ten short of a hundred.

In view of the large number of entries the Committee has decided to put up two more souvenir prizes for the 3rd and 4th men home.

Competitors are requested to be at the St. Andrew's Church Hall by 4 p.m. in order to enable the Committee to allot numbers to them.

The majority of the entries comes from the K.O.S.B. Regiment and a large number from H.M. ships.

There are only two civilian runners, Messrs. Middleton-Smith and Charles Figueiredo.

The following officials are in charge of the Race: Judges, Messrs. G. R. Lindsay, W. W. Rogers, and P. Sands; Starter, Mr. W. S. Bailey; time-keepers, Messrs. A. F. Prew, F. Nicholls, R. and J. Baldwin, and J. H. Huht, O.B.E.; secretary, Mr. Frank N. W. Doodna.

The St. Andrew's Young Men's Club is organising a Service Men's Club at their Club Room, in order to give the service men coming to this Colony a quiet place to write letters and read. There will also be a "Hot Dog" Counter where light refreshments will be served.

CLUB WIN.

Against the Devonshire Regt. (on the Club ground at Happy Valley) at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow, the Hong Kong Football Club will be represented by—Armstrong, Pritchard, Bowker, Lloyd, Lammert, Wales, Smith, Middleton Smith, Garrard, Lee, Williams, Beveridge.

E.R.A.'s Repington; Rothwell, Arches, Gales, Kibbwhite; Northwood, Duckworth; Davies, McTaggart, Macdonald, Mill, Stobart, Hathaway, Evans, Billings.

To-morrow's Match.
Against the Devonshire Regt. (on the Club ground at Happy Valley) at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow, the Hong Kong Football Club will be represented by—Armstrong, Pritchard, Bowker, Lloyd, Lammert, Wales, King (or Stephenson); Miller, Foster, Garrard, Middleton Smith, Litherow, Smith, Mackintyre, Lee, Akhurst.

Referee: Mr. S. J. Jordain.

M.C.C. IN INDIA.

ELEVENTH VICTORY OF THE TOUR.

BOWLERS IN FORM.

Calcutta, Feb. 20.
The M.C.C. team gained the eleventh victory of their tour to-day by defeating Allahabad University by an innings and 14 runs.

Allan were all out in their first innings for 86, Mercer taking five wickets for 52 and Tate five for 81.

The tourists replied with 197, the highest scorers being Sandham (52) and Tate (41).

Going in again, Allan were dismissed for 97, three of their wickets for 6, three to Mercer for 39, and three to Astill for 39.

DRAWN MATCH WITH DELHI.

Brown Makes Two Short Of Century.

Calcutta, Feb. 21.
A match at New Delhi between the M.C.C. and Delhi district ended in a draw.

The M.C.C. batted first and declared with 232 for four wickets. Brown made 98, Sandham 56 and Wyatt 41.

Delhi and district made 92 for nine. Mercer took four for 35 and Astill three for 16.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA THE WINNERS.

PONSFORD'S AGGREGATE.

Brisbane, Feb. 21.
Queensland won their Sheffield Shield match against Victoria by 234 runs.

Had they won, Victoria would have regained the Sheffield Shield, which now goes to South Australia on averages.

Ponsford's Sheffield season total is 1,089, including five centuries in consecutive matches.

HOME SOCCER.

IN LEAGUE, DIV. III, SOUTH.

London, March 3.
The following match was played to-day in division III (southern section) of the English Football League—

Charlton 2, Luton 2 (at Charlton).
—Reuter.

WORLD'S FASTEST RUNNER.

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FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times on the Fanling course of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club this Sunday will be as follows—

9.28 a.m. H. L. Carson, W. F. Fleming.
9.32 A. W. Hodges, J. Harrop.
9.36 E. J. Mahon, W. C. Murray.
9.40 I. H. Gault, W. F. Franks.
9.44 A. O. Brown, A. D. Humphreys.

9.48 W. L. Alexander, J. M. Norrie.
9.52 F. Cowherd, S. Hewkin.
9.56 M. L. Smith, E. des Voeux.
10.00 A. W. H. Edie, T. Megarry.
10.04 E. E. Greensmith, F. J. de Rome.

10.08 G. B. Layton, S. R. Waller.
10.12 W. L. Dunbar, J. S. McLaran.
10.16 A. C. I. Bowker, J. Collis.
10.20 P. J. Wodehouse, E. R. Hallifax.

10.24 R. J. Vint, C. Davidson.
10.28 R. J. Rawlinson, D. Forbes.
10.32 E. A. Brodie, J. Middleton Smith.
10.36 A. Cameron, F. A. Perry.
10.40 T. C. Monghan, T. Ramsay.
10.44 C. Thwaites, J. H. Wallace.
10.48 J. K. Shaw, K. S. Morrison.
10.52 A. E. Lisaman, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

10.56 A. H. Penn, R. P. Moodie.
11.00 S. C. Fytham, W. M. Cox.
11.04 C. G. Clark, J. L. Christie.
11.08 S. T. Butler, H. R. Cleland.
11.12 H. F. Bloxham, C. B. Johnson.

11.16 W. Ronalds, H. Spicer.
11.20 G. Murray, H. Brown.
11.24 G. W. McFries, J. Coulthart.
11.28 C. P. Lammert, F. M. Ellis.

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MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

FILMS BURNED.

REPLACED BY FRESH SHIPMENTS.

The "Manila Bulletin" of February 25 reports:—Movie-going Manilans are fortunate that four large shipments of films were brought to Manila on Wednesday from the United States, by the "President Jefferson". These films were still in the customs house when the Escala theatre yesterday morning destroyed a large percentage of all the movie films in the Philippines.

Several hundred reels of films were stored in the vaults of the Lyric Film Exchange. They were valued at P175,000. Some of the larger and most expensive pictures burned were "The Wonder", Stella Dallas, Son of the Sheik, Volga Boatman and The Million Dollar Handicap. A cablegram was sent to the United States yesterday ordering films to replace the pictures mentioned and others, but it will be about thirty days before they will be in Manila.

Many reels of films in use by the Manila play houses and the ones which arrived on the "President Jefferson" will be used until a new supply arrives.

A SIMPLE PIECE.

A favourite piece of music is that famous piece, "Barcarolle Venetienne," by the talented artist, Jules Bernard. It is a very simple piece, yet its music stirs the soul.

It seems to be entirely different from all other pieces, and after a while you actually begin to think you are singing it yourself. It has clear notes, and when played by an expert is absolutely a masterpiece.

TIRED OF JAZZ.

THE OLD DANCES GAINING GROUND.

This winter may mark a turning-point in the evolution of what used to be called "ballroom dancing." There seem to be distinct signs that the dances from across the Atlantic are losing ground, and that the invariably romantic spirit of Europe is demanding something a little more satisfying than eternal jazz.

Recently a Paris orchestra, after having played innumerable Blues, Charleston, and Black Bottoms, puzzled the younger folk by breaking into the strains of the "Blue Danube." First one or two couples, then more and more were lured by the music, and soon the floor was covered by dancers waiting in the modern fashion it is true, to the air to which their grandmothers danced. The experiment was an undoubted success. The same experiment is being repeated on the Riviera, where the Boston is played six or seven times in an evening. It is really beginning to look as if the waltz is coming into its own again.

A new musical quick march for the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, which has been approved, incorporates the famous melody "The Village Blacksmith."

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BERLIOZ REQUIEM.

STRIKING EFFECT OF BRASSES AND CHORUS.

A magnificent performance of Berlioz's "Requiem" was conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty at the Albert Hall and broadcast by wireless.

The work is rarely performed. It is one of the rare curiosities of music owing to the extraordinary factors in the orchestra and the more than dramatic effect aimed at by choral singing.

There was a great array of brass instruments, players from the Beases to the Barn and Irwell Springs bands being arrayed high up about the chorus on the right and on the left. When they were in full blast the effect was blood-curdling.

The Halle Choir from Manchester gave us some of the best choral singing heard in London for some years, and Mr. Tudor Davies was first-rate in "Sanctus."

MUSIC IN ITALY.

Writing on a visit to Italy a contributor to a contemporary says:—The theatres are excellent and inexpensive. Even at the opera one may book a good seat for about 2s., and one is always sure of a satisfactory orchestra. Musical talent is both cheaper and more plentiful than with us. But one must be prepared for interruptions. Italians think nothing of entering or engaging in conversation in the middle of a scene or song. But this annoying habit is not unknown even in British theatres, so one must not say too much.

One of my joys when travelling in Italy is to listen to itinerant musicians. One may see, on the



Boys of the Westminster Abbey Choir with their master, Sydney H. Nicholson, organist of the Abbey, who are touring Canada under the auspices of the National Council of Education, together with the gentlemen of the choir, the Free Chapel of St. George in Windsor Castle, and are accompanied by the Very Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Dr. A. V. Baillie, and the organist of the choir, the Rev. Edmund H. Fellowes, director of the choir of St. George's Chapel, and Sydney H. Nicholson, organist of the Westminster Abbey.

The official visit to Canada of the gentlemen of His Majesty's Free Chapel of St. George, in Windsor Castle, and the boys choristers of Westminster Abbey, accompanied by the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, Dr. A. V. Baillie, and the organist of the choir, the Rev. Edmund H. Fellowes, director of the choir of St. George's Chapel, and Sydney H. Nicholson, organist of Westminster Abbey, and Master of the Chorists, is made with the special approval of His Majesty the King. The visit of the choir which is now touring Canada from Fredericton to Vancouver and return, on the All-Red C.P.R. route is more than a mark of inter-Empire courtesy; it is a gesture that should do much to help the fuller realization of possessions common to Canada and Great Britain.

The choir is here under the auspices of the National Council of Education, which since its inception in 1919 has continuously emphasized the importance of the place of music in Education. This tour is essentially a part of the Council's programme designed to stimulate public interest in music as one of the most powerful influences in the life of both the individual and the nation.

The choristers from Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel, on their way through Canada without fee or recompense of any kind except the "plaudes" they will gain, have a history going back to a day when the great-grandfather of Columbus was a humble Genoese, watching boats sail out and believing that if they went too far they might topple over the edge of the world. So Canada must feel comparatively young in the knowledge that the soft-soiled Indian was still the emperor of the prairie when the chorists first sang to the organ of Edward III in the chapel of St. George at Windsor.

The glory of the Dominions is in their future, but England's greatest glory is in the long story that runs back through the centuries, and that story is told almost completely in the histories of Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel of which these visitors are the ambassadors.

It is interesting to think of the three parallel scenes, Edward III, creating the Order of the Garter in St. George's Chapel, Columbus still unborn and his great-grandfather

perhaps sewing sails in the seaport of Genoa, Canada still in the haze of the undiscovered. And while these two latter scenes change dramatically, the choristers of St. George's have still gone on with their services, symbolizing the chivalry and honor of the twenty-six Knights of the Garter. The gentlemen of St. George's and the boys of Westminster visiting Canada number twenty in all, the eight chorists or lay clerks of the Chapel at Windsor are those who sing the evening and morning services in the chapel; and in the more private services associated with the life of the Crown and the Order of the Garter. They also provide the music in the Private Chapel when their Majesties are in residence at Windsor Castle.

The Dean of Windsor, Dr. A. V. Baillie, who will give lectures during the tour, on Windsor Castle, the Chapel of St. George and Westminster Abbey, is one of the outstanding figures in the ecclesiastical life of England. He is the godson of Queen Victoria and a nephew of Lord Elgin, former Governor-General of Canada. In addition to being chaplain to the King, he is also Registrar of the Order of the Garter.

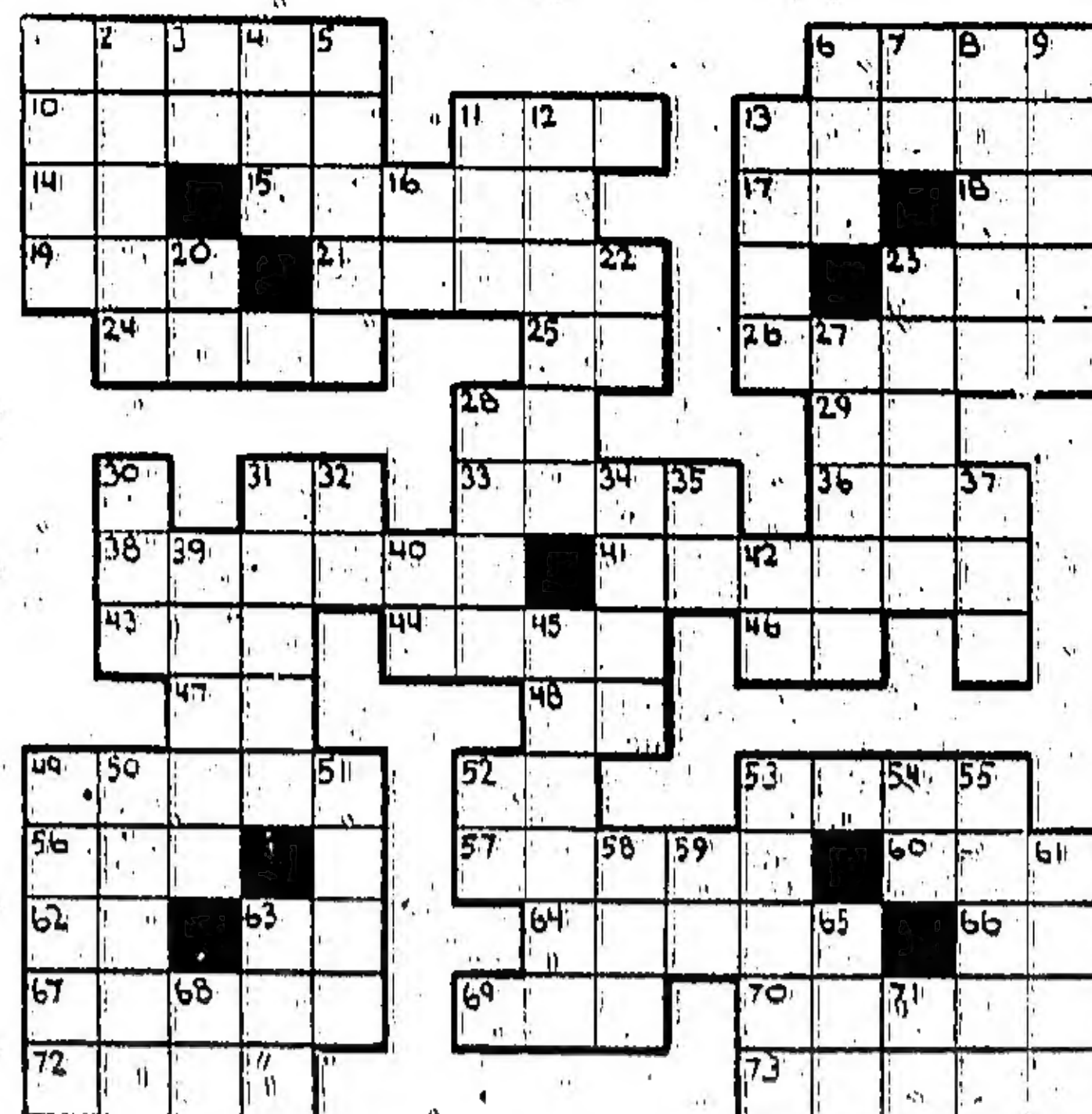
Dr. Edmund H. Fellowes will lecture on Elizabethan and English Church music. He is the foremost living authority on music of the Tudor period, as witness his monumental edition of the English Madrigals which he has completed in 36 volumes.

As organist of Westminster Abbey, the choir of Mr. Nicholson have been inspired, not only to the habitual worshippers at the Abbey, but also to the vast body of visitors to that shrine from all over the world. He is the author of "British Songs for British Boys." During this tour he will conduct a number of concerts, especially for Scouts and Guides in which Scout music will largely figure.

Canadians are therefore given an unique opportunity to hear the best of English church and Old English part music, while a standard of excellence is reached in choral singing, that is probably unexcelled in any part of the world.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

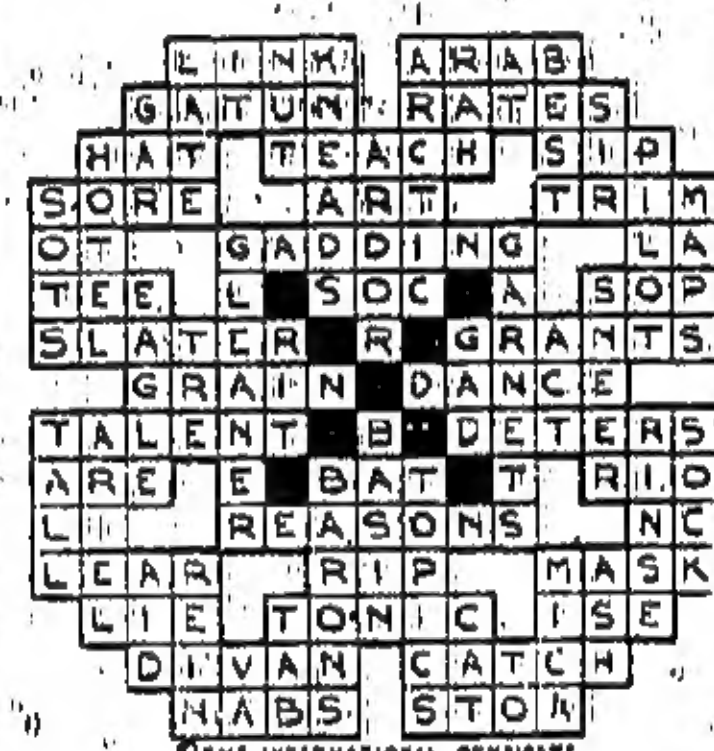


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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Worthy to be imitated. | 47-Prefixed. Down. | 12-Good trim. |
| 6-Long tooth. | 48-Preparation. | 13-Dancing parties. |
| 10-A form of oxygen. | 49-Cosmetics. | 18-Negative. |
| 11-Remote. | 52-Within. | 20-Point of compass (abbr.). |
| 13-Pertaining to an hour. | 53-Second son of Adam. | 22-Elther. |
| 14-Tantalum (chem. sym.). | 56-Permit. | 23-Greek letter θ. |
| 15-A dancing party. | 57-Spectacle. | 27-To hamper. |
| 17-King of Bashan (Bible). | 60-Head covering. | 28-Notion. |
| 18-One of the continents (abbr.). | 62-Each (abbr.). | 30-To recede. |
| 19-Eagle. | 63-Milliller (abbr.). | 31-Behind. |
| 21-Below. | 64-Noted Italian pioneer in electricity. | 32-Half (abbr.). |
| 23-A fish. | 66-Prefixed. With. | 34-A head cook. |
| 24-Supported. | 67-Common. | 35-One (Scott.). |
| 25-Treasurer (abbr.). | 68-Still. | 37-Conjunction. |
| 26-To pare down. | 70-Wealthful. | 39-To examine, as accounts. |
| 28-Prefixed. Form of "in". | 72-Calm. | 40-Late aide (abbr.). |
| 29-A paper measure (abbr.). | 73-Famous Alpine peak. | 42-Toward. |
| 31-Interjection. | 1-Speak. | 43-Dedicated by a vow. |
| 33-Combining form. | 2-Mountain range, Missouri. | 49-Flower (French). |
| 36-A female servant (India). | 3-Perform. | 50-Lat. |
| 38-To fall. | 4-To conclude. | 51-To tattle. |
| 41-A Cossack chief. | 5-Smallest in size. | 52-For instance. |
| 43-Conjunction. | 6-Mist. | 53-Garret. |
| 44-To keep from being agent. | 7-A country of Asia (abbr.). | 54-What. |
| 46-Opera (abbr.). | 8-Pertaining to the light. | 55-Combining form. Milk. |
| | 9-Dazzling light. | 56-Obtained. |
| | 11-Combining form. Eight. | 59-Hotoliter (abbr.). |
| | | 61-Part of feet. |
| | | 62-Part of verb "to be". |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

road, or upon the pavement where it is sufficiently wide, a woman with a tambourine, a man with a violin, a second with a concertina, and then a vocalist. Sometimes instead of a man it will be a boy or girl that sings with sweet treble voice, or there may be but a guitar with vocalists, which I think best of all. What music one has heard by the roadside or in the marketplace—no vulgar jazz "music"—but the real thing—songs from famous operas sung with beautiful intonation and expression until one's pulses were stirred to joy and gladness. I have heard better music from Italian street singers than I have sometimes heard at high-priced concerts!

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Chelsea defeated Clapton Orient in the Second Division of the Football League.

Major H. Wernher's Fairy Hill II fell dead immediately after competing in the Amateurs' Steeplechase at Hurst Park.

Between 600 and 700 employees at the Wolverton Carriage Works of the L.M. and S. Railway are on the sick list with influenza.

Sentence of death passed upon Cecil Roodhouse, a Rotherham miner, for the murder of his sister in Hooton Cliff Wood has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

There is a division of opinion which sooner or later must come into the open, in the French Cabinet with regard to the practical application of the Locarno and Thoiry policies.

Mme. Gaillard, of Lempdes (Haute-Loire), has died at the age of 108. She was in full possession of all her faculties to the end, and is believed to have been the oldest woman in France.

Mr. Charles Ellingsworth, a Crimean veteran, formerly of the 93rd Foot (Sutherland Highlanders), who has died at the age of 94, was buried with military honours at Brompton Cemetery.

A Bill providing that foreigners wishing to work in Norway must obtain special permission from the Norwegian authorities before their arrival in Norway has been passed by the Odelsting.

A hundred thousand railway waggons, says a Berlin telegram, are idle, and the transport of coal from the Ruhr decreased by 214,000 tons during December owing to the increased supplies of English coal.

Hastings Town Council, by a majority, has decided to instruct the Town Clerk to apply for a drink licence for the new Music Pavilion, that drinks may be sold to members of the audience at performances.

During a run by the Ullswater Foxhounds, the fox took to the mountains. The followers were left far below, but the fox was killed by hounds, one of which returned to the field with the brush in its mouth.

The highest price (500 guineas) paid in New Zealand for a Romney ram has been exceeded by the payment of 600 guineas by a New South Wales sheep farmer for a Romney ram bred by Mr. E. E. Shirt, of Mahua, Fielding.

The Auto-Cycle Union have decided to present the Maude's Trophy to the Birmingham firm of Norton Motors, Ltd. It is awarded for the best performance made during an A.C.U. certified in the course of the year.

Sir John Gilbert, an ex-chairman of the London County Council, at Putney said that the classes for waiters had not been very successful because it seemed that the English boy's temperament did not fit in with such a profession.

Councillor T. R. Parkington, of Ipswich, has purchased, with a view to its preservation for the nation, property at East Bergholt, which is closely associated with the boyhood days and subsequent work of John Constable, the famous painter.

Silks and dresses to the value of £2,000 had been packed into trunks in the premises of a firm of gown manufacturers in Great Marlborough Street by two thieves who, were disturbed by the return of a partner in the firm and escaped.

Owing to a partial ban on the Charleston, people have been staying away from the Edmonton Urban Council dances. The Council had only permitted one Charleston Dance in each half of a programme. The Dance Committee has now decided to allow Charleston steps in the one-step and fox-trot, in the hope that attendances will improve.

It is announced at Riga that fishermen have located the German cruiser "Prinz Adalbert," which was sunk off the Libau coast in October, 1915, by the British submarine E8, when all the crew of 600 except three were lost. The "Prinz Adalbert" is reported to have carried gold to the value of several million marks, and a Libau firm, it is announced, intends to try salvage operations.

A 26lb. English dog bairer was found electrocuted on the Southern Railway between Claygate and Hampton Court Junction.

Three armed motor bandits raided a Killarney bank, made the officials and customers stand with their faces to the wall, and escaped with £400.

£150 was awarded by a jury in the King's Bench Division to a man who sued another, for damages for the loss of his wife, as the result of a motor-car accident in June, 1925.

Attention was attracted by the whining of his dachshund to the body of Count Bela, aged 17, the eldest son of Count Julius Szechenyi, of Aszot, in Hungary, which was found at the bottom of the cliff under the Somwendstein, in the Semmering Massif, near the nursing home where the Count had been recuperating after an illness.

A joint stock company with a share capital of 1,000,000 Reichsmarks (£50,000) has been formed in connection with the new Citroën motor factory in Cologne. The Cologne-Poll Rhine works have been purchased by the Citroën firm and the manufacture of Citroën cars will begin shortly. The engines and some of the bodies will be made in France and assembled in Cologne. The remaining parts will be manufactured in Germany. From 15 to 20 cars will be turned out daily.

CHILD WELFARE.

There is nothing that marks the great advance in social organisation more than the attention that is now being bestowed upon child welfare—legislation to insure adequate schooling, laws prescribing the conditions under which children may labour, and a host of other safeguards.

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Australia's grain harvest, which is nearing completion under favourable conditions, is officially estimated by the Institute of Agriculture in Rome at 164,000,000 bushels.

A regular direct passenger service from Riga to the Far East via Moscow has opened. Trains travel twice weekly to and from Kharbin, and once weekly to and from Vladivostok. The whole journey from Riga to Vladivostok occupies 11½ days.

At the annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial Horse Breeders' Association, it was announced that a commission from the Russian Government was coming to Canada in the spring to purchase between 2,000 and 5,000 horses for military purposes.

Mary Gibbs (38), said to be a member of a gang of shoplifters known as "The Forty Thieves," was sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment at the London Sessions for stealing from shops and on a similar charge Maud Seymour (29) was sent to prison for 18 months.

Mr. James John Wilkie, Southampton, late superintendent-engineer of Elder, Dempster, and Co., Ltd., whose estate has been valued at £77,015, after family bequest, left all his other property upon trust for an almshouse charity for widows and spinsters, to be established in or near his native town of Rothesay.

Recently the "Egyptian Press" has been attacking the Capitulations and has suggested their abolition or modification. Locally it is believed that the situation in China has encouraged the extremist Wafd elements to seize this occasion to challenge the position of foreign Powers in Egypt. No immediate important development is expected.

Syphons of soda-water were used to extinguish a motor car fire at Walmer. Efforts to subdue the flames with an extinguisher failed. Outside a mineral water works in the road a loaded van was standing, and helpers, securing a number of syphons of soda-water, squirted the contents on the blazing car. The fire was speedily put out.



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